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## LEAVING A LEGACY

Lifelong educator funds scholarship for multicultural learning

Mary Jane Hamann quit her job as a middle school teacher and signed up with about 100 other young people eager to taste adventure and make a difference as the first class of volunteers for the newly minted Peace Corps in 1962.

She spent two years teaching in a mission school in the West African nation of

Liberia, but her real adventure started when she returned home to the family farm in Michigan after her Peace Corps stint was over.

“I was gone from my family for two years, and when I got back, they hadn’t changed a bit,” Hamann says today. But she was a different person, imbued with a sense of community engagement and a fire for

working with multicultural communities. “I knew,” she says, “that I wasn’t going to stay with them anymore.”

Her next stop was Southern California and a job as an elementary school teacher in the city of Compton, which was experiencing white flight and an influx of blacks and Latinos. It was a new and challenging experience for Hamann, and



ROBERT BAIN

## FROM THE DEAN

As a citizen in a democratic society, I am appalled by the vulgarity and nastiness evident in this year's presidential primary season. It is one thing for men seeking the highest office in the land to behave like schoolyard bullies; they do no credit to themselves or to their supporters. But it is disturbing to see the large number of people who flock to candidates espousing fear and hatred of religious groups, immigrants or anyone whose views differ from theirs.

As an educator, I am alarmed that decades of public education have not equipped

people to see through these lies and to reject the negative politics held up by these candidates. Why would so many people support someone with such a vision to become the next president of the United States?

Whatever happened to the ideals of tolerance, inclusiveness and welcome stamped on the Statue of Liberty? Should our next president be someone who seeks to fracture our civil society by embracing some but not all who live in our communities?

Fortunately for us, this is not the model of leadership embodied by our students, faculty or alumni. In this issue of Impact, you will read about the many ways in which serving others, embracing difference and supporting the most vulnerable among us is a part of the DNA of the Lurie College community.

As a faculty member, Thomasyne Lightfoote Wilson spent much of her time promoting community-based education. Now an emeritus professor, she and her good friend, Mary Jane Hamann, put these ideas to work in East Palo Alto.

They have dedicated their lives to ensuring that students from poor, ethnically and racially diverse communities have access to educational resources and programs that are typically reserved for more prosperous communities.

Amber Artman and Jasmeen Nijjar, two students majoring in Child and Adolescent Development, developed a website that

would make it easier for the homeless to search for an available bed in a local shelter. They developed a prototype called WarmBed for the SJSU Innovation Challenge, a competition sponsored by the College of Business, where students pitch their ideas to judges drawn from Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and SJSU faculty.

Roxana Marachi, associate professor in the Department of Teacher Education, devotes her time to helping local area schools learn about how to create safer schools. Too often, school safety is framed in terms of zero-tolerance policies where harsh punishments are meted out for even single infringements of school rules. Marachi connects school personnel with the research that provides alternative ways of reducing bullying and school violence through the development of caring interpersonal relationships.

These stories highlight the importance of building community through outreach to others and care for every person's well-being. These efforts can help us heal the divisions created by the fear mongers who would exploit the dark side of human nature.

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# COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

An advocate for safer schools

Roxana Marachi's Twitter handle is @ConnectEdProf. The "EdProf" portion describes her job as an associate professor in the Lurie College Department of Teacher Education. "Connect" describes her mission.

"I'm a connector," says Marachi, who came to Lurie College 10 years ago and has immersed herself in school communities in the San José area.

"Connecting research to practice. Connecting advocates for youth. Connecting neurons to neurons in a healthy way. Connecting communities to resources. Relationships and connections are truly at the heart of progress."

Marachi believes connecting is also the key to safer schools. While her earlier work concentrated on understanding school bullying and evaluating evidence-based violence prevention programs, Marachi's recent research has broadened to look at the intersections between policies, practices and social climates in schools.

Evidence shows that in order for anti-bullying or school safety programs to be effective, a school must have a genuine climate of mutual respect and positive engagement.

"How we treat one another in schools—that's really the heart of school safety," Marachi says. "When it comes to prevention, it's less about the programs and more about school culture and interpersonal relationships."

Do teachers and administrators model cooperation and respect—with each other and with all members of the school community? Are students supported in creating inclusive environments? Is the school punitive or restorative when students act out?

Since the massacre at Columbine High School in 1999, many programs focused narrowly on student behavior without addressing the broader social climates and conditions.

Another result of Columbine has been the increased presence of security on school



grounds, zero-tolerance discipline and heightened punishments. Where a student fight 20 years ago might have resulted in a trip to the principal's office, Marachi says, now it may mean suspension or assault charges.

"Zero tolerance policies have led to the criminalizing of a lot of kids," Marachi says. "There are decades of research findings showing that they do not work."

Marachi has been working in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender for the past three years with five high schools in the East Side Union High School District in San José in a program that supports alternatives to suspension and promotes restorative approaches and healing.

Growing up in Walnut Creek, Marachi remembers being keenly aware of the social dynamics of the classroom in elementary school and feeling empathy for peers she thought were being treated unfairly. "I've always paid attention to how people treat each other," she says.

Reflecting on the roots of her focus on social justice and school climate, Marachi looks to her early years as an immigrant and English language learner. Having experienced the challenges of learning a new language and culture, she aims for her research to

contribute to the creation of safer, healthier learning environments for youth.

Marachi majored in psychology at the University of Washington and minored in music. (Her musical instrument was the timpani.) At the University of Michigan, she earned a master's degree in developmental psychology and a Ph.D. in educational psychology.

Research that launched her career included a study that examined whether a climate of motivation or competition within a school played a factor in whether students remained motivated in math over transitions from elementary to middle school to high school and another that explored connections between school climate and violence prevention.

At Lurie, Marachi teaches educational psychology for elementary and secondary teacher candidates, focusing on strategies and supports to promote student well-being and motivation.

"Every school level could improve," she says. "I think it's extremely important in the early grades to set a positive, welcoming tone for kids that they are valued and that we expect the best from them. It's not easy to do. It's changing a culture." ⇌

# GIVING & RECEIVING

Scholarship donors and Lurie College students celebrate success

Donors establish scholarships for all sorts of reasons—to honor loved ones, to thank an alma mater, to leave a legacy of gratitude for their good fortune. Getting to meet the grateful recipient of a scholarship donation is a sweet icing on the cake.

Scholarship donors and Lurie students who benefit from their generosity spent a warm afternoon in February getting to know

one another and deepening their bonds as the Lurie College hosted a reception for them in downtown San José.

There was a lot to celebrate. This year, thanks to the generosity of our donors 46 Lurie students have received more than \$101,000 in scholarships.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2015-2016

### **Lurie College of Education Alumni Board Scholarship**

Sarah O'Donnell, Child and Adolescent Development  
Salvador Williams, Teacher Education

### **Phil and Eleanore Anastasia Scholarship**

Cari Benefiel, Teacher Education  
Zayra Diaz Vargas, Teacher Education

### **Elaine S. Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

Michael West, Teacher Education  
Bibiana Arriola, Counselor Education

### **Richard Campbell Baugh Scholarship**

Sarah O'Donnell, Child and Adolescent Development

### **Michele D. Bee Education Scholarship**

Wai Lee, Child and Adolescent Development  
Elizabeth Sanchez, Child and Adolescent Development

### **Elden J. and Florence G. Belanger Scholarship**

Reuben Garcia, Teacher Education

### **Eleanor S. and Robert L. Brady Scholarship**

Gustavo Silva, Special Education

### **Jean Meredith Ellis Cady Scholarship**

Maricarmen Alanis, Counselor Education

### **Hazel Cilker Smith and Marion Cilker Scholarship**

Andrew Staley, Teacher Education  
Yifat Bar-Dagan, Teacher Education  
Anupama Wadhwa, Teacher Education

### **Marion Cilker Scholarship for Infusing Art into Education**

Tobi Nielsen, Teacher Education  
Silvia Antonelli, Teacher Education

### **Al and Mary DeFranco Scholarship**

Lakshmi Chandran, Child and Adolescent Development  
Shelby Guerrero, Child and Adolescent Development

### **DeVore Crumby Scholarship**

Yessenia Gonzalez, Child and Adolescent Development  
Zayra Diaz Vargas, Teacher Education  
Gabrielle Slavin, Child and Adolescent Development  
Pamela Campos, Child and Adolescent Development  
Elham Sharifpour, Child and Adolescent Development  
Andrea Diaz, Child and Adolescent Development

### **Maxine Hunt Fink and Professor Jack E. Fink Scholarship**

Kali Shiloh, Teacher Education

### **Joseph J. Ghio Scholarship**

Matthew Gordon, Teacher Education



From left, Salvador Williams and Leah Gilmore (Lurie College of Education Alumni Board Scholarship)



Special Education Department Chair Chris Hagie and Nicole Iskandar (The Claudia Greathead Scholarship)



Colleen Wilcox ( Dr. Colleen Wilcox Scholarship)



Brian and Jennifer Cilker flank recipients of the family's scholarships, from left to right, Amupama Wadhwa, Yifat Bar-Dagan, Tobi Nielsen, Silvia Antonelli, Andrew Staley (Hazel Cilker Smith and Marion Cilker Scholarship, Marion Cilker Scholarship for Infusing Art into Education)

**Bernadine Goularte Scholarship**

Zayra Diaz Vargas, Teacher Education

**The Claudia Greathead Scholarship**

Kali Shiloh, Teacher Education

Sharon Ungerfeld, Teacher Education

Samantha Johns, Teacher Education

Cari Benefiel, Teacher Education

Nicole Iskandar, Teacher Education

**John and Peter Laznibat Scholarship**

Michael Lordan, Teacher Education

Andrea Graham, Communicative Disorders and Sciences

**Lurie College of Education General Scholarship**

Megan Klein, Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Angela Lee, Communicative Disorders and Sciences

**Marla Duino Lenz Scholarship**

Deborah Clima, Teacher Education

**Pam Mallory Scholarship**

Cari Benefiel, Teacher Education

**The Margiotta Family Scholarship in Arts Education**

Samantha Johns, Teacher Education

**Masterjohn Scholarship**

Catherine Williams, Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Kimberly Pantoja, Child and Adolescent Development

**Marion D. Meyerson Scholarship**

Josephine Wu, Communicative Disorders and Sciences

**Florian and Grace DeForest Niemcziek Scholarship**

Pamela Campos, Child and Adolescent Development



From left, Paula LeBlanc, Lakshmi Chandran, Shelby Guerrero, Lisa LeBlanc (Al and Mary DeFranco Family Scholarship)

**Jonathan Nobuhiro Memorial Scholarship**

Wai Lee, Child and Adolescent Development

Juan Huerta, Child and Adolescent Development

**Helen Newhall Pardee Scholarship**

Adrian Buenrostro, Teacher Education

**Robert and Lorraine Pedretti Scholarship**

Maricarmen Alanis, Counselor Education

**E.A. Rocky Scholarship for Education**

Theresa Munoz, Teacher Education

Alejandra Portillo, Education Leadership

Thuy-Khanh (Kayla) Tran, Special Education

**Doris Warren Shaw Scholarship**

Maegan Bright, Special Education

Surisa Abraham, Special Education

**Skelly and Stewart Family Scholarship**

Theresa Munoz, Teacher Education

Adrian Buenrostro, Teacher Education

**Charlotte B. Stelling Scholarship**

Jacquelyn Fortner, Communicative Disorders and Sciences

**Ada Louise Watters Scholarship**

Curtis Lee, Teacher Education

Salvador Williams, Teacher Education

Maegan Bright, Special Education

**Heidi Westmoreland Teaching Scholarship**

Alejandra Portillo, Education Leadership

**Dr. Colleen Wilcox Scholarship**

Julia Drummond, Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Surisa Abraham, Special Education

# GIVING SHELTER

Child and Adolescent Development students hit on homeless innovation

For the homeless, finding shelter for the night can be a frustrating odyssey of phone calls and bus trips and miles on foot, only to reach a shelter and find out it's full.

Amber Artman and Jasmeen Nijjar, students in the Lurie College Child and Adolescent Development Department, looked to their smartphones for a solution to a social services problem that in the worst scenario could be deadly.

Their idea was WarmBed, an easy-to-navigate website that would pinpoint area shelters on a map, describe their services and offer real-time information on bed availability. Users could click on a shelter and put a bed on hold for two hours while they rode a bus or walked to the shelter.

They pitched the idea at the 2015 Silicon Valley Innovation Challenge, an annual event that invites SJSU students to offer innovative solutions to problems. WarmBed didn't win the competition, but it got a lot of attention and fed the women's drive to work in the social services.

"This is what we came to school for," says Nijjar. "For me, social work and nonprofit work is very intrinsically motivating. That's why I do it."

Artman and Nijjar are both in the department's track that prepares students for professions that serve children and families in community settings. Nijjar, who graduated in December 2015, works as a counselor at a Santa Clara residential program for teens and plans to go to



JASMEEN NIJJAR



AMBER ARTMAN

graduate school in social work in the fall. Artman is looking for work in the nonprofit world after she graduates this May.

"I want to work with the community and I think it's important for people who are more affluent or more well off to help people who aren't there yet," says Artman. "I think that the only way to solve the problem of homelessness is not by ignoring it but tackling it head on. I was raised with kind people who wanted to give back."

Janene Perez, a lecturer in Child and Adolescent Development who helped

Artman and Nijjar develop WarmBed, calls the young women "exceptional."

The process of getting to an innovation they could showcase at the Innovation Challenge took weeks of research and brainstorming and Perez helped them eliminate some impractical approaches—

turning vacant office towers in San José into centers for homeless living, for example.

They began by looking at what services are available for the homeless in the San José area, including the 211 phone number for referrals to social services.

"So we called 211 and we were on hold for a while, half an hour or 20 minutes," says Artman. "And that's from our cell phones. We weren't standing at a pay

phone feeding it quarters."

When someone answered, the only information available was a list of phone numbers for shelters. Did they accept only men? Battered women? Families with children? Did they have an available bed that night?

Artman and Nijjar settled on a simple locator map and the online equivalent of "vacancy" or "no vacancy" signs and a reservation system. A tab on the site would allow service providers to update their availability and see who had reserved a bed and was on the way.

WarmBed would be advertised at homeless shelters and meal sites, on bus shelters and in libraries, where many homeless stop in to use computers.

They considered making WarmBed an app but decided that a website with mobile view was most practical.

While they're now concentrating on school and work, Artman and Nijjar hope to develop WarmBed and bring it to the nonprofit marketplace.

Artman, who directed an after-school recreation program in San Luis Obispo before she came to San José State, saw firsthand the effects of sleeping in a car

or under bridges on the children in a homeless family.

"Their school work suffered, their social skills suffered, it was hard for them to make friends," she says. "Something so simple as having a place to sleep and take a shower can help someone so immensely." ⇨





Longtime friends Mary Jane Hamann, left, and Thomasyne Lightfoote Wilson shared a commitment to innovative education in East Palo Alto schools.

just what she was ready for. “I came to California,” she says, “by my interest in not knowing.”

After four years she moved to the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto and found her longtime professional home teaching fifth grade at what is now Cesar Chavez Elementary School.

Now, in the sunset of her life, Hamann lives on the lapping edge of the San Francisco Bay in a modest house that shares a grassy acre with the home of Thomasyne Lightfoote Wilson, a professor emeritus of the Lurie College and a lifelong friend of Hamann since they met in the Peace Corps and found they shared that spark for social justice.

Hamann is 87 now and Wilson is 80 and, sitting together in a shady gazebo on the property, they reminisce about the work they did together to join community and family as stakeholders in education in East Palo Alto.

Their outlook was called “community-family guided education” and it turned a cold shoulder toward a bureaucratic school system dictating to poor and minority students and parents. Wilson, with a Ph.D. in international development from Stanford University and a professorship at SJSU, was

loaned to the school district to create a sense of extended family with an emphasis on caring and sharing relationships and horizontal decision-making.

Through her role as credentialing supervisor at San José State, Wilson brought an army of student teachers through the district to learn a community-engagement approach to the classroom.

“Creating community was something we realized we could do,” says Wilson. During the decades she taught there, East Palo Alto changed considerably, shifting from a predominantly black community to mostly Latino. The community has weathered periods of violent crime along with the pressures of gentrification as the tech boom has driven up housing prices.

But for Hamann, the challenge has always been the same no matter who walks through the school door. She calls her students “little guys” and she taught through encouragement and instilling pride. Dianne Otterby, a student teacher under Hamann who remains a friend today, said Hamann always put her students first.

“With her, it was all about her kids,” Otterby says. “It was as democratic classroom as you could have, but there was no nonsense.

It was highly disciplined but positive. And she always seemed to have time for puzzle-making, weaving looms, games.”

Like many other great teachers, Hamann was inspired by a great teacher. Hers was Miss Kiely, in a one-room schoolhouse in Michigan. After 80 years Hamann still remembers her quiet discipline and high expectations.

Inspired by her experiences teaching poor children from diverse backgrounds and by San José State’s commitment to urban multicultural education, Hamann is now poised to make her final contribution the field.

Hamann is leaving to the Lurie College a bequest in her will that will generate annual income to fund one or more full scholarships for elementary teacher credentialing students who have demonstrated a passion for teaching multiculturalism in public schools and a desire to serve in poorer schools with diverse student bodies.

The Mary Jane Hamann Endowed Scholarship for Multicultural Learning will give preference to students who are the first generation in their family to graduate from college.

Although Hamann received her teaching credential from Siena Heights University in Michigan, it was her familiarity with San José State through Wilson and dozens of student teachers that connected her with the Lurie College development office.

“I decided that I had some money that I could do something with and I would like it to do something for somebody else,” she says, “and then it was the matter of finding the right people.”

Hamann is delighted to be able to pass on the gift of teaching to future generations. “I like kids,” she says.

She never married or raised a family of her own and whenever people asked her if she had children she used to say, “Thousands—just not ones I brought home.” ☺

# UPDATES

## Faculty In Transition



Paul Cascella



Mary McVey



Rocio Dresser

### NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN

**Paul Cascella**, whose research focuses on communication challenges faced by people with severe disabilities, has been keeping the movers busy.

First, he relocated from coast to coast, joining the SJSU Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences in Fall 2014 from Hunter College in New York City. He soon was appointed chair of the department. And recently he was packing up again—this time to move into the dean's office as associate dean.

Cascella, a full tenured professor, is succeeding Mary McVey who is returning to teaching.

While the communicative disorders department is losing a scholar, the Lurie College is gaining a seasoned administrator. In New York Cascella chaired Hunter's Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and he previously worked

in a variety of clinical settings, from public schools, to state institutions and group homes to private practice.

### BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

In her seven years as associate dean, **Mary McVey** led the Lurie College through assessments for state and national accreditation while also bringing the college into the 21st century in terms of learning technology.

Her legacy can be found on every floor of Sweeney Hall—in SMART Boards, iPads, modular furniture groupings and video instruction technology that she has made sure is part of each Lurie student's education.

Her proudest achievement?

"The rooms that I've redesigned," McVey says. "Learning environments that actually facilitate learning as opposed to just being rooms where classes are taught."

McVey, with a Ph.D. from Stanford University in educational psychology, is returning to teaching as a full professor in the Child and Adolescent Development Department. Her first class (in Spring 2017) will, not surprisingly, be taught online.

### FULL PROFESSOR

**Rocio Dresser** was recently promoted to full professor in the Department of Teacher Education. In her 20-year career on the Lurie College faculty, Dresser has focused on literacy and language development, especially as it relates to second language learners.

A native of Colombia, Dresser until recently was the coordinator of the Bilingual Teacher Preparation Program. She is also teaches globalization in the Lurie College Ed.D. program. ➔

# FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FACULTY RESEARCH

**ROBERTA AHLQUIST**, with Paul Gorski and Theresa Montaño, co-edited *Assault on Kids & Teachers: Countering Privatization, Deficit Ideologies and Standardization in U.S. Schools* (New York, N.Y., Peter Lang Publishing, in press). She also contributed a chapter, "Disrupting Empire: Creating Subjects to Expand the 'Commons' Public Spaces" to *Alternatives to Privatizing Public Education: Conversations in Honor of Dale D. Johnson* (New York, N.Y., Routledge, 2016).

Ahlquist also presented "Dismantling Pedagogies of Oppression: Developing Critical Questions that Transform Oppressive Power Relations" at the National Association for Multicultural Education, Sept. 30-Oct. 5, 2015, in New Orleans.

**REBECA BURCIAGA**, with Dolores Delgado Bernal and Judith Flores Carmona, published *Chicana/Latina Testimonios as Pedagogical, Methodological, and Activist Approaches to Social Justice* (New York, N.Y., Routledge, 2016). With Ruth E. Zambrana, Burciaga also contributed a chapter, "Family, Daughters and the Educational Pipeline," to *The Magic Key: The Educational Journey of Mexican-Americans from K-12 and to College and Beyond* (Austin, Texas, University of Texas Press, 2015). Her recent workshop and conference presentations include "Nuts and Bolts of Going on the Job Market – Social Sciences and Humanities" at the Ford Foundation Ford Fellows Conference in September 2015 in Washington, D.C.; "Telling to Live: A Plática on Testimonio" with Norma Cantú, Gloria Cuádriz, Dolores Delgado Bernal and Judith Flores Carmona at *Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social* in July 2015 in Albuquerque, N.M., and "Mujeres Guerreras/Warrior Women: Latina Scholars Talk Life, Balance, & Leadership," with Mónica Byrne Jiménez, Erica Fernandez, Rosa L. Rivera-McCutchen, Patricia A. Rocha and Adriana Villavicencio at the University Council for Educational Administration in November 2015 in San Diego.

**ALLISON BRICEÑO** contributed "Emergent Spanish Reading: Learning to Look at Print" in *The California Reader*, 49:20-25, 2016. Her book review of "Biliteracy From the Start: Literacy Squared in Action" appeared in the *Bilingual Research Journal*, 38:353-356, 2015. With Helen Maniates she contributed "Developing Language in Both Spanish and English: Explicit Academic Conversations about Language" in *Multilingual Educator* (in press). Also in press in the *NABE Journal of Research and Practice* is her article "Language Transfer in a Dual Immersion Program: Cognates, Morphology and Language Contrasts." Briceño presented "Developing English Learners'

Language via Reading and Writing" at the California Reading Association conference in Irvine, Calif., October 2015.

**BRENT DUCKOR**, with K. Castellano, D. Wihardini, K. Téllez, and M. Wilson, contributed "Assessing Academic Language in an Elementary Mathematics Teacher Licensure Exam" to *Teacher Education Quarterly* (in press).

**ARNOLD DANZIG**, with William Black and Gary Martin, contributed a chapter, "Research on the Principal Pipeline in a Single-State Context: Implications for Preparing and Supporting School Leaders," to *Leading Schools in Challenging Times: Eye to the Future* (Charlotte, N.C., Information Age Publishing, 2016). With William Mathis he contributed a review of "Measuring Diversity in Charter School Offerings" to the encyclopedia *Think Tank Review* (Boulder, Colo., National Education Policy Center, 2015).

Danzig also presented, with **ROCIO DRESSER** and Lurie College doctoral students **BLANCA BALTAZAR-SABBAH** and **BETSY FITCH** "The Global Experience in an EdD Program: Academic Importance, Professional Applications, and Personal Engagement" at the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate in Boca Raton, Fla., October 2015. Danzig presented "Participatory Leadership and Human Appreciative Systems: A Case Study in Higher Education" at the By the People: Participatory Democracy, Civic Engagement and Citizenship Education conference in Tempe, Ariz., in December 2015. He and William Black presented "Leadership Studies or Principal Licensure" at the University Council for Educational Administration November 2015 in San Diego.

**JASON LAKER**, with Tracy Davis, contributed a chapter, "Unfinished Business, Dirty Laundry, and Hope for Multicultural Campus Communities," to the *Handbook of Student Affairs Administration, 4th Edition* (San Francisco, Jossey-Bass, 2016). With T. Deželan and S. Pavlin, he contributed "What Determines Enterprises' Perceptions of Future Development in Higher Education – Strange Bedfellows?" to the *European Journal of Higher Education*, 51(1): 107-125, 2016. He contributed "The Present State(s) and Future Direction(s) of Gender. Troubling the Binary Beyond Nature Versus Nurture," to *Education Sciences and Society*, 6(2): 13-19, 2015. With Erica Boss he contributed "Compliance is Simple, Consent Stories are Complex: Building Capacity for Sexual Agency as a Prevention Strategy" to the *Journal of Campus Title IX Compliance and Best Practices*, 1:21-28, 2015. Laker also contributed "From Mindless to Mindful Dialogues about Identity," to the encyclopedia "Contemplative Practices for

Anti-Oppression Pedagogy" (St. Paul, Minn., Beth Berila, 2015). Laker's recent presentations include "The Politics of Citizenship Education in Post-Communist Countries" at the Slovenian Political Science Association in San Francisco in September 2015 and "Issues, Possibilities and Complexities of Considering Men's and Masculinity Studies Within Women's Studies Curricula" at the International Conference on Gender, Social Sciences and Humanities: New Directions in Scholarship in January at Fatima Jinnah Women University in Islamabad, Pakistan.

**KATHRYN LINDHOLM-LEARY** contributed an article, "Students' Perceptions of Bilingualism in Spanish and Mandarin Dual Language Programs," to the *Multilingual Research Journal*, 10:59-70, 2016. She also presented a workshop, "Implementing Successful Dual Language Programs for English Learners: Research and Best Practices," in February at the Alisal Union School District Principals and Superintendents in Salinas, Calif.

**ELLEN MIDDAGH**, with Benjamin Bowyer and Joseph Kahne, contributed "Youth Comprehension of Political Messages in YouTube Videos" to *New Media and Society*, published online in 2015. She also contributed two entries to *The Sage Encyclopedia of Out-of-School Learning* (in press). Her entries were on youth activism and social movements and community service.

**NONI M. REIS** and Barbara Flores presented "Changing the Pedagogical Culture of Schools with English Learners" at the California Association of Bilingual Education in San Diego in March 2015.

**DAVID WHITENACK** and Shailaja Venkatsubramanyan contributed an article, "Identifying High-Leverage Practices in Mathematics Education for English Learners: Implications for Teacher Preparation and Professional Development" to the *Global Education Journal* (in press). Whitenack also presented "The Teacher Education and English Learners Project" at the Fall 2015 conference of the California Council on Teacher Education in San Diego. Whitenack is a co-principal investigator on the English Language and Literacy Integration in Subject Areas project, a collaboration with University of California, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco State University funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The project's goal is to better prepare teacher candidates to teach math, science, and social studies to English learners. He is also co-principal investigator with Lurie College Dean **ELAINE CHIN** on SJSU High Leverage Practice and Content Academy, which is part of the CSU New Generation of Educators Initiative, funded by the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation.

**COLETTE RABIN** and **GRINELL SMITH** presented "Shaping Teacher Candidates' Professional Dispositions of Caring" at the California Council on Teacher Education American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference in Las Vegas in February. They also presented "Teaching with the Language(s) of Science in Mind" at the National Science Teachers Association meeting in Reno, Nev., in October 2015.

**WILLIAM J. RECKMEYER**, contributed "Reflections on Constructing a Reality: The American Society for Cybernetics in the 1980s," to *Cybernetics and Human Knowing*, 23, 2016. Reckmeyer also delivered the plenary address to the Global Citizenship Program Salzburg Global Seminar in Salzburg, Austria, in July 2015.

## FACULTY SERVICE

**REBECA BURCIAGA** serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Research on Leadership Education* and as an editor for *The Journal of the California Association of Professors of Educational Administration*.

**BRENT DUCKOR** serves on the College and Career Readiness Evaluation Consortium, National Council for Community and Education Partnerships. He also served as an executive committee member and lead organizer of the 17th Biennial International Objective Measurement Workshop, held in April 2015 in Washington, D.C.

**JASON LAKER** serves as a reviewer for the American Educational Research Association's 2016 conference program proposals. He was also appointed to the Vicente Rocafuerte Lay University of Guayaquil's Administrative Review of the Focus School of Management permanent editorial board.

**KATHRYN LINDHOLM-LEARY** prepared a paper for the National Academy of Science that reviews research on critical issues in the language and academic development during K-12 of English language learners. She also evaluated the Sobrato Early Academic and Literacy PreK-3rd Project for the Sobrato Foundation. On the basis of the evaluation results, the project is being replicated in 65 schools in 11 California school districts in 2015-2016.

**ELLEN MIDDAGH** serves as co-chair of the working group on Participatory Politics and Youth Civic Development, Children and Screens for the Institute of Digital Media and Development Minds. She also helped recruit a group of scholars to advise the institute on the current state of research examining the impact of digital media on youth civic development.

**EMILY SLUSSER** and **TERESA O'DONNELL-JOHNSON** have organized students in the Child and Adolescent Development Department to tutor struggling readers in local elementary schools for Reading Partners. Over the past three years, 750 ChAD students have given 11,250 hours of their time to volunteering with Reading Partners as a part of service-learning classes. These students complete an in-class program overview, on-site orientations, and a total of 15-20 hours of tutoring per semester.

**WILLIAM J. RECKMEYER** serves on the Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance as 2016 Global Forum conference chair and as a board member.

## KUDOS

**ALLISON BRICEÑO** has been named an English Language Learner Fellow by the California Association of Bilingual Educators. She also received a \$5,000 grant from the Lurie College for *Bilingual Students' Reading Strategies: A Foundational Pilot Study*.

**PEGGY JO DAVIDSON-CATHEY**, a lecturer in the Counselor Education Department for the past 21 years, recently took and passed the National Counselor Examination so that she could better assist students preparing for the exam to become licensed by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

**JASON LAKER** received the SJSU Center for Community Learning & Leadership's Faculty Award for Excellence in 2015 for his commitment to community-engaged curriculum.

**HENRIETTE LANGDON** has been named a board certified-specialist in child language by the American Board of Child Language and Language Disorders.

**PATRICIA D. LOPEZ** is a recipient of the 2015 Concha Delgado Gaitan Early Career Presidential Fellowship given by the Council on Anthropology and Education.

**ALMA PARTIDA**, a master's degree student in the Communicative Disorders & Sciences Department, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the Council for Exceptional Children national convention in St. Louis in April. She was one of five winners from California.

As part of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, the English Language and Literacy Integration in Subject Areas Project, which **DAVID WHITENACK** is principal investigator, has been named a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education for its leadership in supporting the educational progress of Hispanic students and families.

# Alumni Corner

## NEWS OF THE CLASSICS

By Cherie Donahue, Alumni Board Secretary

Once again, it is time to say "Hello" from our little corner of Impact. The Lurie College Alumni Board of Directors has been busy, busy.

Our Scholarship Gala Wine Tasting in November raised more than \$2,700. We thank the food committee for the lavish spread, and Marcella McCollum and Marla Lenz for chairing our major fundraiser.

The Faculty Grant committee met in January to award \$1,300 in grants to Michael Kimbarow, Allison Briceño and Lewis Aptekar. Lurie College faculty members continually amaze us with their dedication to the students and to the university.

Board members opened up the One-Room Schoolhouse at History San José in Kelley Park and handed out treats for Haunt History on Halloween. Coming up, the board will honor two local educators at the Honored Teacher Reception, set for May 25 at the One-Room Schoolhouse. If you have someone you would like to honor, please contact us at (408) 924-3600.

Our two scholarship recipients are Sal Williams (Secondary Education) and Sarah O'Donnell (Child and Adolescent Development). We appreciate all their hard work and hope their \$1,250 scholarships will ease some of their financial burden.

So as this school year comes to a close, please keep us in mind. We're always looking for volunteers. We'd like to extend a special invitation to those recent graduates of the College to learn more about our board, its activities and ways to support the college in the future. We always want to hear from you! ➡

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## LEAVING A LEGACY

The subject of our cover story, Mary Jane Hamann, worked as a school teacher for her entire life, but she lived frugally and saved her pennies and in her sunset years she had enough money to make a sizable donation to Lurie College to fund scholarships for the next generation of teachers.

If you would like to explore how you might be able to make a similar impact on a young teacher and the future of education, contact Betty Tseng, senior director of development for Lurie College, and inquire about legacy gifts.

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