CPACS Happenings (October 1979 Newsletter)

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Lincoln is Site of Conference on Aging

NATIONAL EXPERTS on cross-national gerontology and health maintenance organizations will be the featured speakers at the First Annual University of Nebraska Conference on Aging, November 13 and 14 in Lincoln.

Sponsors of the conference are the University of Nebraska at Omaha Gerontology Program, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Division of Continuing Studies, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the Nebraska Commission on Aging.

The conference will bring together service delivery professionals, educators, and researchers to examine issues, needs, and problems related to the "Delivery of Health Care Services to the Rural Elderly." In three conference sessions, the theme will be explored through national, state, and local perspectives.

The first session will feature Dr. Erdman Palmore, professor of medical sociology and fellow at the Duke University Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Durham, N. C. Dr. Palmore will speak on national and cross-national issues related to the delivery of rural health care. He will be followed by Gerald Meier, a national authority on health maintenance organizations, speaking on health maintenance nationwide.

Narrowing to the state level, the second session will involve a panel discussion by four service delivery professionals on delivery of health care in rural Nebraska. In the final session, health care professionals will describe the service delivery systems in their Nebraska communities.

The conference will take place at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege Streets, Lincoln. It will begin November 13 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and continue November 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. The registration fee is $20.

For more information, contact JoAnne Lofton, coordinator of community service and education, Gerontology Program, 554-2272.

Deppe Goes to Washington

Don Deppe has resigned as director of the Center for Applied Urban Research to accept a position as program officer in the Office of Regional Programs of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D. C.

He will be working with regional program directors and their staffs throughout the United States in developing and evaluating civil rights programs.

Jack Ruff, housing coordinator at CAUR, has been named acting director while a search for a new director is instituted.

CPACS STAFF MEMBERS SERVE ON COMMITTEES

Several CPACS staff members are serving on University councils and committees. Michael McGrath, Social Work, is chairperson of the academic standards committee. Hobart Burch, Social Work, is chairperson of the library and educational resources committee, and Murray Frost, CAUR, is a member of this same committee.

Gaylon Kuchel, Criminal Justice, is a member of the military and veterans affairs committee, and James Thorson, Gerontology, is serving on the planning committee.

Members of the improvement of instruction committee are Wilda Stephenson, Goodrich Program, and Bruce Horacek, Gerontology.

Julie Horney Dr. Horney is one of the Honors College Criminal Justice coordinators who will work with students in the Honors Contracts Program.

FOSTER PARENT PROGRAM ENTERS SECOND YEAR

The Foster Parent Training Program, a Title XX project sponsored by CAUR and the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare, is entering its second year of operation.

This fall 12 teams, each consisting of a caseworker and a foster parent, are putting on a 12-week program for foster parents throughout the state. Five new training sites, Rushville, Ainsworth, Minden, Henderson, and Seward, have been added.

Carol Erli, curriculum and training specialist, and Barbara Kendrick, program coordinator, will be developing curriculum materials for an orientation program for new foster parents and a six-lesson module on fostering the adolescent.

ALESA HIME HAS BABY GIRL

Alesa Hime, former student worker for the Gerontology Program, gave birth to a 9 lb. 4 oz. baby girl on August 30. Alesa and her husband, John, named their new little daughter Michaela Marie. Congratulations, Alesa and John!

HAPPENINGS DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 14

The deadline for the next issue of HAPPENINGS is the second Wednesday of November which falls on November 14. Please send news items for the November issue to Marian Meier, Annex 15 by that date.
Seventeen faculty and staff members are new at CPACS this fall. HAPPENINGS presents seven of them in this issue and will be printing interviews and pictures of the rest in a subsequent issue.

Although John Cross was once an amateur boxer, earned part of his college expenses through a boxing scholarship, and seriously considered turning pro at one time, he now engages in the more peaceful pursuit of camping with his wife and two little boys when he has any spare time. He still likes to watch boxing on TV though.

John started at UNO on July 1 as a summer research associate with CAUR where he was investigating Indians in the criminal justice process. His findings will be the subject of a forthcoming article in the Review of Applied Urban Research. Now, as an assistant professor of Criminal Justice, he teaches introductory CJ courses as well as research methods.

John grew up in central Oklahoma in the small town of Maud—that's somewhere between Wolf and Bowlegs—got his bachelor's degree in sociology from Oklahoma State, his master's, also in sociology, from the University of Tulsa, and went a little further afield for his doctorate in the same subject—to the University of Missouri.

He wrote his dissertation on "Nevada's Vice and Public Morals Codes: An Interpretation of Their Production and Relation to the Economic and Social Order." Although this was a very interesting topic, it convinced him he wouldn't want to live there.

Michael Carroll became a visiting instructor in English and the humanities for the Goodrich Program this fall, taking the place of Diane Gillespie who is on leave of absence while working on her doctorate.

Mike's a transplant from the English department here at UNO where he started in the summer of '75. Last year he was acting director of freshman English with responsibility for some 600 students. Now he's working in clinical teaching with 44 and finds the closer contact an enjoyable change.

He received both his master's and undergraduate degrees from UN-L and plans to start work on his doctorate a year from this fall.

A self-styled "workaholic," Mike says he didn't even have time to take the test to find out if he was one, but he did manage to play on an undefeated softball team this summer. He plays bridge with passion although not well, reads contemporary fiction, has a strong interest in jazz, and collects jazz and classical records. He recently co-authored an article on Jerzy Kosinski, a Polish writer, and has been reading a lot of black literature in preparation for his humanities courses.
RONALD DORRIS

Ronald Dorris, an assistant professor in the Goodrich Program, came to Omaha from Louisiana and started work at UNO on August 23. He teaches composition courses, which was what he did at Tulane and also at Xavier University in New Orleans, and helps out with critical reasoning courses.

Ronald majored in English and history and received his bachelor of arts degree from Xavier. Two master's degrees, one in Afro-American studies from Boston University and another in liberal education from St. John's in Santa Fe, kept him traveling about the country a bit. For his Ph.D. he went to Emory University in Atlanta and took American studies. His dissertation topic was "The Bacchae of Jean Toomer" which he compared to the Bacchae of Euripides.

A trip to Monrovia, Liberia in connection with his master's program at Boston University whetted his appetite for foreign travel, and he's making plans to go to Haiti, Turkey, and Morocco, although not in the immediate future. Eventually he'd like to teach English in Turkey or Morocco.

Next semester he will be teaching American studies, an interdisciplinary course in the Goodrich Program, and also a black studies course.

He likes to write, dance, and play chess in about that order. At least that's the order in which he mentioned them.

ROSEANNE EWING

When Roseanne Ewing was ten years old, her mother taught her to type, and she's more or less been working as a secretary ever since--when she isn't teaching music or playing the saxophone or piano. Eventually she'd like to go into computer science work.

A secretary II in Social Work, Roseanne started at UNO on August 13. She and her husband moved to Omaha four years ago from Marion, Iowa. Before coming to UNO she worked as a secretary for the Omaha Public Schools in Joslyn Castle.

She has a bachelor of music degree from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and finds an outlet for her musical abilities by playing in the Nebraska Wind Symphony directed by Tony Snyder. Their next free public concert will be in the Witherspoon Concert Hall at Joslyn on November 12 at 7:30 p.m., and Roseanne invites everyone to come.

Roseanne's husband also has a musical bent and plays the trumpet in the SAC band. They don't have any children, but they do have a pedigreed Burmese cat.

HERB GRANDBOIS

Herb Grandbois, who came to UNO this summer as a community service associate at CAUR, is now a busy assistant professor of social work. He teaches social policy and macro social work practice and also acts as the liaison person with agencies where students are placed for their practicums.

He's been flying hither and yon for all sorts of meetings lately—to take part in a cultures in perspective program in Scottsbluff, to attend a national meeting of American Indian social workers in Albuquerque, and to serve on the commission for minority affairs of the Council on Social Work Education at a meeting held recently in New York City.

Herb received the D.S.W. from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, the M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota in Duluth, and his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. His dissertation was written on "Bureaucratization, Professionalism, and Commitment in Urban Indian Centers." Career aspirations include starting a journal of American Indian Social Work.

Herb speaks French and Cree and says he doesn't have time for any hobbies, but he is the father of three little boys.

KAREN FOREY

Karen Forey, secretary II in Gerontology, worked for the Legal Aid Society as a secretary before coming to UNO. Originally from Chicago, she has lived in Omaha a good many years, however.

Fall is her favorite time of year as she just doesn't like hot weather. She says she doesn't have much time for hobbies, but she does like to roller skate and to watch mystery movies. Karen has a 20-year-old daughter who attends UNO.
Staff Activity

Shirley Waskel  
Gerontology  
Dr. Waskel and Dr. Michael Milla of Metropolitan Technical Community College presented a paper on "Advising for Mid-Life Career Change" on October 15 at the Third National Conference on Academic Advising Association at the Omaha Hilton.

Teri Howard  
Public Admin.  
Ms. Howard has resigned her position as a staff secretary III to go to New York City where she will be working on her doctorate in museum administration. She has been at UNO for six years. Her place is being taken by Lynn Ash, formerly a secretary in Criminal Justice and in Gerontology.

JoAnne Lofton  
Gerontology  
Mrs. Lofton spoke on "Nutritional Aspects of Aging" on October 4 at the fall meeting of the Nebraska Hospital, Institution, and Educational Food Service Society.

Donna Eden  
Gerontology  
Dr. Eden conducted a two-part workshop on "You and Your Aging Parents" on October 7 and 14 at the Presbyterian Church of the Master.

Jim Thorson  
Gerontology  
On October 17, Dr. Thorson spoke on "Psychosocial Aspects of Aging" at the third annual National Conference on Aging, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. in Montreal.

Chris Eskridge  
Criminal Justice  
"Volunteers in Probation: A National Synthesis," an article by Chris Eskridge, has been accepted for publication in the journal, Offender Rehabilitation. Dr. Eskridge is also serving as chairman of the membership committee for the American Society of Criminology.

Sam Walker  
Criminal Justice  
Walker has been published in Law and Order in American History, a publication of Kennikat Press edited by Joseph M. Hawes.

Gail Tremblay  
Goodrich  
The Institute of Indian Studies at the University of South Dakota has published a paper by Gail Tremblay entitled "Native American Art and Its Relationship to the Natural Environment." She has also had three drawings published in the spring, 1979 issue of Maize, and three additional drawings plus three poems have been accepted for publication in future issues. Five of her poems have been accepted for publication in The Sandhills and Other Geographies: An Anthology of Nebraska Poetry, and three poems by Gail are scheduled to appear in Many Smokes. A collection of 14 of her poems will be published in December by Bob Hickman through a Nebraska Arts Council grant. Gail read a paper, "Two Ways in Native American Art," at the New Directions in Native American Art History Conference held at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque October 23-26.

Ann Coyne  
Social Work  
Ms. Coyne has nearly completed a research project on adoption of hard to place children. Her findings will be the subject of a forthcoming article in the Review of Applied Urban Research.

Bruce Horacek  
Gerontology  
Dr. Horacek has been elected to serve a one-year term as chairperson of the advisory committee of the Foster Grandparent Program, a part of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging.

Larry French  
Criminal Justice  
"The Challenge and Threat of Tourism Among the Eastern Cherokee" by Larry French has been published in Hill Lands, edited by J. Luchok, et al. by the University of Virginia Press in Morgantown. Dr. French's article, "The Minority Perspective on Violence," was published in the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice, Vol. 3, No. 1, 1979. Dr. French also co-authored (with Tom O'Toole of Western Carolina University) an article, "Comparative Neo-Colonialism: West Africa and American Indians," which is to be published in International Review of Cross Cultural Studies.

Cathy Young  
Goodrich  
Ms. Young, a staff secretary III, was named employee of the month for September. She received a $50 gift certificate at Hinky Dinky. Her fellow employees, in nominating her for the honor, cited her ability to work well under stress, her initiative, and the fact that she always has a pleasant smile and a kind word for everyone. Her reorganization of the files was another thing they appreciated.

G. L. Kuchel  
Criminal Justice  
Dr. Kuchel has been appointed by the Nebraska Legislative Council to the program planning evaluation team of the Legislative Correctional Improvement Program. He has also been appointed by the National Institute of Corrections to a panel to assist in developing plans for the establishment of funding categories for making awards to work toward their goal of developing a more effective correctional system. He attended a meeting of the panel in Denver on October 10. Dr. Kuchel was a conference discussion leader and visiting lecturer to the Criminal Justice Department of the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York October 5-8.

David R. DiMartino  
CAUR  

Peter Suzuki  
Urban Studies  
An article by Dr. Suzuki, "Japanese Chess and Strategy, Japanese Corporate Practices and International Diplomacy, and an Adumbration of National Character," has been accepted for publication in Ethnopsychology. Dr. Suzuki received a fellowship from NATO to attend the NATO Advanced Institute on Urban Planning and Design in Belgium which was held in July.

John Kerrigan  
Dean  
Dr. Kerrigan attended the Region VII conference of the American Society of Public Administration in Topeka, Kansas October 5 and 6. On October 19 through 24 he was in Los Angeles for the convention of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. In November Dean Kerrigan and Dave Hinton, assistant dean, will be presenting a paper at the American Institute of Decision Sciences in New Orleans.

Barbara Kendrick  
CAUR  
Barbara Kendrick were part of an art exhibit at the College of St. Mary's Angelo Gallery from October 6 to October 28. Ms. Kendrick is program coordinator for the Foster Parent Training Program.