



Education Department Newsletter April 2015

Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations on getting through the first few months of the spring semester! Keep up the hard work as we move toward finals! Please be sure to read this newsletter in its entirety so that you don't miss any essential information! *(If you do not receive this via email, it means you need to call Jill Verceles and ask to be added to your advisor's email list!)*

Graduate Education Advisement

Summer and fall registration is open! Web Advisor opened for registration March 14th. **The last day to register for summer without paying a \$150 penalty is May 1st.** Register for summer and fall at the same time. For fall, you do not need to pay tuition until the end of July.

If you are continuing in the fall but not taking classes this summer, fill out a Leave of Absence form. Stop by the Registrar's Office to get one.

Graduate Students:

If you have not had your advisement session yet, call Jill Verceles at 213 477-2620 to make an appointment to see your advisor and have your advisor's hold lifted right away.

Important Business Office Information for Graduate Students

The **registration deadline** for summer is May 1st. Continuing students who register after May 1st will be charged a \$150 late fee.

The **financial clearance deadline** (ensuring that the balance on your account is below \$500) is May 1st. Failure to either pay in full or be enrolled in a monthly payment plan on CashNet will result in both a hold being placed on your account (making you unable to complete registration) AND being charged a fee.

If you register late (after May 1st, you will be charged the late registration fee, but you will then have 10 business days to clear your account before being assessed a late clearance fee.

Please contact the business office if you have any questions. 213-477-2540

SAVE THESE DATES!

Celebration of Learning

All are welcomed to be part of our **Celebration of Learning**, where masters candidates present their research within a poster session and credential and permit candidates share important learning from their programs. This event will be held in the **Donohue Center on Wednesday, May 4th from 4-6PM**. For first year students, this is a wonderful way to learn more about the masters inquiry project and case study process, get research ideas, and support your colleagues.

Undergrads—Elementary and Secondary: Please come and see the wonderful adventures you have waiting when you begin your study for a masters degree. Get ideas about what area of study you may wish to pursue. And — this is a wonderful opportunity for networking.

Graduate Accolades

A ceremony honoring spring graduate students receiving Masters Degrees will take place on **Friday May 6th from 5:30-7:30PM in the Rose Hills Auditorium**. This celebration is for students and their families. Business/special occasion attire is appropriate for all. This is the moment when graduates will hear their names and project titles read aloud and will be able to celebrate accomplishments together in a more intimate gathering. No tickets are required for this event.

The Education Department invites you to join us for refreshments beginning at 4:30PM so that we might meet your families and share some time together before the ceremony. Location is Building 4, Room 115 on the Doheny campus.

2016 Commencement Ceremony

The 2016 Commencement ceremony for all graduates earning their A.A., B.A. and M.S. degrees will take place at the **Shrine Auditorium on Monday, May 9th**. Please be sure to check the Commencement page on the MSMU website for details regarding time, tickets, picking up garb, etc.

**Congratulations to our Mary's Day Award
Recipients!!**

Sister Dolorosa Credential Scholarship

Ariadna Angulo

Doris Schiffilea Harris Education Scholarship

Elizabeth Charre

Excellence in Student Teaching Award

Andrea Castaneda

Mary Grace Meneses

Academic Achievement in Child Development

Jacqueline Gomez

Summer and Fall Textbooks

Summer Book Info Posted Online!

Fall Textbook Information on its way!

We post all textbook order information on our Ed Dept Advisement Docs webpage (the same page where you find that semester's syllabi and first assignments). <https://www.msmu.edu/education/> We hope that this allows you to plan ahead and attend your first class session fully prepared.

Textbooks in the Bookstore

When you find that a required textbook is out of stock in the bookstore and you wish to purchase it through MSMU, PLEASE alert both the clerk in the bookstore and Rose Foskarino (x2621) in the Education Department immediately. We are then able to place and track orders right away. We are sorry for any inconvenience it has caused when books are not available. Hopefully, working together we can reduce frustration in future semesters.

Reminder! Class Attendance is Essential

The community of learners that you develop in your classes is an important support to your education. We look forward to seeing you at every class but do realize that there are times when you have unavoidable conflicts. In addition to notifying your instructor, notify a classmate who can pick up class materials for you and fill you in on the session you missed. In the Education Department, students who miss 3 class sessions (3 unit courses) will be required to complete an additional assignment. Students who miss 4 class sessions (3 unit courses) will be administratively dropped. If you must miss a class session, take good care of yourself and make sure you are present for all other sessions.

**Graduate and Undergrad Students:
Fall 2016 Supervised Teaching**

The deadline for filing for supervised teaching and completing all prerequisite requirements is **May 15!** This includes verification of passing scores on all CSET examinations and filing of a certificate of clearance and supervised teaching equivalency petitions. See your advisor **immediately** if you have not initiated an application for supervised teaching.

Graduate Scholarship Opportunity

Each year the Education Department is able to award a few small scholarships to students who meet eligibility requirements. Please see <http://www.msmu.edu/graduate-programs/education-and-teacher-credentials/tuition-and-financial-aid.aspx> for information specifically related to the Education Department scholarships. If you would like to be considered for one of these scholarships, please email Jill Verceles at jvercles@msmu.edu and ask for the "EDU Annual Scholarship Application". Complete it fully and email it to Dr. Shelly Tochluk, Department Chair, at stochluk@msmu.edu before **September 1st, 2016**. Funding is limited and awards will be determined by a faculty committee based upon candidates' 1) academic history with MSMU, 2) financial aid/grants history, 3) and meeting funders' stipulations. An announcement regarding awards will be made in the October EDU Newsletter. Award amounts are determined annually.

**Tuition Assistance available for 2016-2017
academic year! CCF Graduate Internship**

Interested in helping to develop the Center for cultural Fluency (CCF) library/website and resources for Mount Students and Faculty? Want to help plan for our next *Critical Teaching in Action conference*? The CCF offers 3 units of graduate tuition per semester for one graduate intern. Flexible schedule (approximately 100 hours per semester). Contact: Julie Feldman-Abe at jabe@msmu.edu for an application and more information by **June 1, 2016**.

**Are You Completing a Preliminary
Credential this Semester?**

If you already have a job teaching in a private or charter school that does not have its own induction program, then you can complete your Clear Credential at MSMU. If you haven't made plans to apply for the 4-unit Clear program yet, Call Jill Verceles at 213-477-2620 and make an appt. to participate in a conference call/online session to get program details. **State standards are changing. The program will become more expensive. Act now to enter a program under the current standards! This will be the last year.**

Elective Courses for ANY Education Graduate Student

The topic for the summer elective EDU 299 is Social Media and Culturally Relevant Pedagogy. The focus will be on how to leverage student interest in social media to build literacy skills. The instructor is an instructional leader who currently teaches middle school English in the Santa Monica Malibu School District. You can look forward to an interactive and practical course that will prepare you to imagine new ways of teaching literacy skills to today's media savvy students. **This is an elective open to all Education graduate students.**

Read about Recent EDU News and Events!

Read about faculty and student news posted on the Education Department website. Visit the website regularly to stay up to date! Do you have a story? Please alert us to something you feel should appear on our News and Events link or in our Newsletter.

Looking for professional development opportunities in the Los Angeles area?

The Education Consortium of Central Los Angeles (ECCLA) lists free and low cost programs available to local teachers. Please visit eccla.org/professional-development to learn more about offerings from local museums. While you are on the ECCLA site, you might also want to check out opportunities for your students. Programs include scholarship contests, essay contests, and a Teacher Liaison Program that can provide information for field trips.

REMEMBER!

Graduate Writing Tutor Available!

Tutors are available to support you in completing written course assignments and masters projects. Email parc@msmu.edu to reserve an appointment. Office phone: (213) 477-2873.

News for Elementary, Secondary and Special Ed Programs

MSMU is state-approved to offer Intern Programs to students earning their Multiple Subjects, Single Subject and Education Specialist credentials. Students may earn their preliminary credentials while they teach. There are specific requirements that must be completed in order to apply for this intern credential. For example, CSET must be completely passed and the US Constitution requirement must be met.

Please see Dr. Gordon (single subject candidates), Dr. Feldman-Abe (multiple subjects candidates) or Dr. Taylor (education specialist candidates) if you hope to pursue this option.

Instructional Leadership Candidates:

Congratulations on making it through another year of your Master's program! For those continuing in the summer, the Special Topics (Edu 299) offering is Social Media and Culturally Relevant Pedagogy. We have also already had our summer and fall advisement, and everyone should be registered for their appropriate classes. If you have not yet gotten your advisor's hold released, please call Jill Verceles at 213-477-2620 make an appointment to speak with Dr. Kimberly Nao.

Clear Credential Candidates:

225B students: Congratulations on completing another semester in the program!

225D students: Filing for your Clear Credential requires you to submit paperwork to the state. Make an appointment with Rose Foskarino (213-477-2621, rfoskarino@msmu.edu), Credential Analyst, after the final course is posted on your transcript.

News for Undergraduate Education Students

Liberal Studies and Single Subject Majors:

CSET Study Guides are available in the reserve section of both campus libraries (Chalon and Doheny). You may check out one reserve copy for three-weeks and renew it by phone. After six weeks you must return to the library, but you may check the Study Guide out for another three-week period. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for CSET.

Reminder: Deadline for submission of all requirements for Fall Supervised Teaching, including passing scores on CSET, is May 15, 2016.

If you are working on **completing your application for acceptance to the Single Subject Credential** Program, be sure to have everything turned in to Rose Foskarino before you leave for summer break. Contact Dr. Gordon at rgordon@msmu.edu if you have questions or concerns about the process.

Candidate Dispositions Reminder

Remember that the Education Department Mount Saint Mary's University assesses candidates' *dispositions* in addition to their knowledge and skills. More information about our policies is available in the Education Department's Student Handbook, located on the Graduate Division webpage under Graduate Student Handbook, Part III at: <http://www.msmu.edu/graduate-programs/about-msmu/student-handbook.aspx>