

New members to our College Community

Four new faculty members joined the College this semester:

Dr. Jingzi (Ginny) Huang, born and educated in China, earned her Ph.D. with a focus on language education from the University of British Columbia in Canada. Having taught in elementary, secondary, and university settings in China, Canada, and the US, she has been deeply involved in teacher education since 1997. Her major teaching and research interest includes classroom discourse, second and foreign language education, and language/literacy across the curriculum. Her work has been published in national and international journals such as *International Journal of Applied Linguistics*, *Linguistics and Education*, *Language and Education*, *Language, Culture and Curriculum*, *Language Teaching Research*, *Communication Education*, etc. Dr. Huang is the Associate Dean and Director of the School of Teacher Education.

Dr. Jeffrey Rings received his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Denver in 2009. While there he taught several courses in psychology to both graduate and undergraduate students as well as to gifted high school students. Dr. Rings' primary research interests include grief and loss, suicide risk assessment and prevention, veteran mental health issues, and clinical supervision competencies. These research interests developed prior to pursuing his Ph.D., from his work as a supervisor for the greater Seattle suicide hotline. Dr. Rings joins the Counseling Psychology Department after having recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Advanced Mental Illness Research and Treatment through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Among his roles in that capacity, he served as the Principal Investigator on a study examining the occurrence of prolonged grief symptomatology among veterans and its relationship to suicide risk. Dr. Riggs is an assistant professor in the Department of Counseling Psychology.

Dr. Brian Sevier taught elementary and middle school in and around the Denver metropolitan area before completing his Ph.D. in Educational Foundations at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Hired as an Assistant

Professor of Elementary Social Studies at CU, he taught courses in educational reform, social studies methods, diverse learners and a variety of other methods and foundations courses. From CU, Brian went on to head social studies instruction in the school of education at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. His research looks primarily at the ways in which teachers across the educational spectrum help students critically participate in their educational experiences and communities. Under the umbrella of social education research, his scholarship has analyzed teacher created anti-racist curricula, male elementary teachers' experiences in public schools, service learning and civic education, and his own attempts to embody transformative/critical forms of pedagogy in his teacher education courses. Dr. Sevier joins the School of Teacher Education as an associate professor.

Dr. Tamara Yakaboski joins the Higher Education and Student Affairs Leadership program with teaching and research specialties in higher education organization and administration, qualitative research, international higher education, women in higher education, and student affairs. Much of Tamara's research and service interests are based on her experiences living and teaching in South Korea and India and more recently working with service learning and study abroad trips to Kenya. For 2011-12 she will serve as a Faculty-in-Residence (FIR) for President's Row here with UNC's Housing and Residential Education. She is active in many professional associations and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Association of College Unions International. Prior to joining the HESAL program, Tamara served for four years as a tenure-track assistant professor in Higher Education and Women's Studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Tamara also worked for five years as a student center administrator at the University of Arizona. Tamara earned her bachelor's degree in 1997 from Louisiana Tech University and is a two-degree graduate of the University of Arizona, earning a master's in 2002 and a Ph.D. in Higher Education with a minor in Sociology in 2007.

A new Director of Development joined the College earlier this summer:

David Nichols has over thirteen years of experience working in development in the Northern Colorado community. Most recently, he worked as an associate director for CSU's College of Business with an emphasis on major gift fundraising, corporate naming, and scholarship development. For five years prior David worked as the Executive Director of the Platinum Pro Foundation, where most notably, he secured initial funding from the Christopher Reeves Paralysis Foundation on a collaborative program. He also worked for Larico Youth Homes (now Turning Point) as a youth counselor and substance abuse program manager prior to his work at United Way of Fort Collins as director of agency relations and funds distribution and as a development specialist at Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation working on major gifts, planned giving, special events and scholarships. David has held various board positions with the Colorado Watershed Network, has been a member of Rotary International, and served on the Team Fort Collins Criminal Justice subcommittee and Build-A-Generation task force. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Wisconsin.

International Scholars/Doctoral Students/Teachers

We also welcome a visiting scholar from China and two scholars and six doctoral students from Thailand. Thanks to the work of Madeline Milian, we are hosts to groups of teachers from Central America and the Caribbean and also from Pakistan.