



This e-newsletter offers brief updates on CEED people, projects, and events.

## About CEED

CEED staff have garnered two wins in this year's annual College of Education and Human Development awards. Scott McConnell (CEED Director of Public Engagement, Fesler-Lampert Chair of Urban and Regional Affairs, and Professor of Educational Psychology) will receive the Community Outreach and Engagement Award--Faculty, and Sara Zettervall (CEED Events and Outreach Specialist) will receive the Jeanne T. Lupton Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Outstanding Service Award. Both awards will be presented at the College ceremony on April 29, 2009.

## Projects

The Center for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood (CRTIEC) submitted three new applications for review to the IRB to begin piloting new IGDI measures. The new measures, targeting expressive and receptive language, phonological awareness, and alphabetic principle were developed by the team and are showing process with preschool aged populations. Additionally, CRTIEC continues to work hand in hand with the current IGDI validation study to make use of the new IGDI card formats and supplement our current research applications. CRTIEC also hosted its first network meeting, which included professionals in local districts who have an interest and/or are implementing response to intervention strategies at the preschool level. The meeting was well received, and CRTIEC will be hosting a series of these meetings surrounding topics in early childhood applications of RTI.

## Publications and Presentations

On March 30, Christopher Watson, one of CEED's Co-Directors, presented *Early Childhood Education Distance Education in Singapore: The CEED Experience*. The talk featured the success of the certificate program that he initiated with the Center for American Education in Singapore.

The 2009 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) takes place April 2-4 in Denver, and while there, a number of CEED's Minnesota Early Learning Foundation (MELF) staff are participating in a poster symposium, *Engineering Synergy: Coordinating Evaluation of Related Components in a Statewide Initiative to Improve Early Care and Education*. Scott McConnell and Amy Susman-Stillman will chair the discussion, with Yvonne Godber, Nikki Kovan, and Jennifer Cleveland participating. PDFs of their posters will be available for download from [the CEED homepage](#) starting tomorrow.

## Professional Development

The Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Certificate Program is now accepting applications for the 2009-2011 cohort. If you're interested in enhancing your knowledge and skills in a multidisciplinary environment while earning CEUs or graduate credit, please visit [the IECMH website](#) for more information and application materials.

It's time to look at your schedule and see if you'd like to register for one of our online courses this summer. The next round of classes starts in June, and registrations are accepted now. For more information, visit [the online courses part of the website](#).

## Events

You read it here first! Starting tomorrow, April 2, free online registration will be available for two new events this month:

The McEvoy Lecture Series presents Dr. Heather Weiss from 2-4pm on Wednesday, April 22, at Pohlad Hall at the Minneapolis Central Library. Dr. Weiss is the Founder and Director of the Harvard Family Research Project and Senior Research Associate and Lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Her recent publications focus on reframing research and evaluation to support continuous improvement and democratic decision making, examining the case for complementary learning from a research and policy perspective, and assessing new ways of providing and evaluating professional development.

The Human Capital Research Collaborative Mini-Conference: *Promoting Child Health and Well-Being* takes place on Monday, April 27 at Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. This conference will introduce and overview the activities of the Human Capital Research Collaborative (formerly the Early Childhood Research Collaborative), a Partnership of the University of Minnesota and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Four presentations on child health and well-being will address critical issues in the first five years of children's lives.

Check [What's New at CEED on the CEED homepage](#) to access more information and registration for both of these events as soon as it's up and running. Also, don't forget there's still time to register for [the 2009 Harris Forum](#), *Bridging Research and Practice: Relational Interventions for At-Risk Infants and Toddlers*, with Dr. Sheree Toth on May 14 at the Theater, Coffman Memorial Union.

## Partners and Links

Please visit the CEED website, <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed>, for ongoing listings of job opportunities with partnering organizations and individuals.

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