FACULTY NEWS AND NOTES
September 2023
Caryn Block

Journal Article Publication


Jen Cadenhead

Honors & Awards/Grant

NY Health Foundation Grant to Study School Meals in NYC, Robert Woods Johnson’s Healthy Eating Research Grant to Study the Impact of De-implementing Healthy School Meals in NY state, and Accepted into the 1st COURAGE cohort (Creating Opportunities for Underrepresented Researchers to Achieve Growth and Excellence)

• Although the awards were obtained in the spring, I have only been a first time faculty member for <1 yr and am super excited to have obtained my first grants - both to improve nutrition security among children. The COURAGE program, funded by the NIH-NIDDK, supports early career underrepresented researchers in the obesity and nutrition fields, and also comes with funding support. Grateful for all!

https://www.courageprogram.com/2023-courage-cohort


Nathan Holbert

Book Publication

Playful Testing: Designing a Formative Assessment Game for Data Science

• In this volume, an interdisciplinary team of researchers shares insights from three years of intensive design research resulting in a game, Beats Empire, for formative assessment of computer science and data science skills.

https://press.etc.cmu.edu/books/playful-testing

Honors & Awards

“The Divergent Publication Award for Excellence in Literacy in a Digital Age Research” awarded to Pop and Play Podcast: Haeny Yoon, Nathan Holbert, Joe Riina-Ferrie, and Lalitha Vasudevan with Billy Collins and Lucius Von Joo from the Digital Futures Institute at Teachers College, Columbia University

• To diverge from traditional pedagogies and research approaches and to embrace the spirit of following a road less traveled, The Divergent Award for Excellence in Literacy in a Digital Age Research was established in 2016 by the Initiative for 21st Century Literacies Research to recognize the indelible contributions of educators and scholars who have dedicated their careers to the theoretical and practical study of 21st Century Literacies.

https://www.initiativefor21research.org/the-divergent-award.html
Alexander Karp

**Book Chapter**

In Search of Effectiveness and Meaningfulness. Problem Sets in School Textbooks: Examples from the United States

- I was an editor of one (out of three) parts in the book “Mathematical Challenges for all”. I published there two chapters.


Patricia Martínez-Álvarez

**Book Publication**


**Honors & Awards**

Fulbright Specialist Fellowship Recipient

- Selected as Fulbright Specialist Fellow for Project, Fulbright Specialist Program in Mountain Province State Polytechnic College for Quality Teaching, Mountain Province, Philippines (2023)

Mary Mendenhall

**Journal Article Publication**

  [https://doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2023.2246401](https://doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2023.2246401)

  [https://doi.org/10.1093/irs/fead026](https://doi.org/10.1093/irs/fead026)

  [https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10175024/](https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10175024/)
Felicia Moore Mensah

Book Publication

Book Publication, Book Chapter

Honors & Awards
• NIH Science Education Partnership Award
  • Creating Resources Uplifting Nutrition, Culture, and Health at Lunch (CRUNCH Lunch). Fall 2023-2028. Co-PI, $1,245, 044

• Invited Review Panel
  • Five-year External Review Committee for the College of Education, University of Queensland, Australia. (May 2023).

  • Visiting Scholar Lecture. Monash University, Australia

• Keynote Speaker, Lunch and Learn Series, Rutgers University Graduate School of Education, New Brunswick, NJ.

• (June 26, 2023). DEIJ [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice] Center Stage Organizational Level Thinking Science Education. Keynote Speaker, National Science Teachers Association National Congress on Science Education Planning Committee. (Virtual)

• (June 2, 2023). Culturally Relevant, Responsive, Sustaining, and Critical Race Theory: What Do They All Mean for STEM Education? Keynote Speaker, Regional Robert Noyce Southeast Conference, Mobile, AL.

• (September, 2023). Received the Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) Career award II for Outstanding mentor. This award honors and encourages ASTE members who support and encourage pre-service and in-service science teachers and/or new science teacher educators entering the profession. It also seeks to recognize the valuable contributions of mentors to the profession of science teacher education.
**Anna Neumann**

**Honors & Awards**
TC Endowed Chair conferred: Edward S. Evenden Professor of Education

**Book Chapter**


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**Kimberly Noble**

**Journal Article Publication**


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**Debra A. Noumair**

**Book Chapter**


- The chapter addresses the need for researchers to understand what is beneath the surface of factors typically focused on when studying organization change by introducing the X-Ray Vision tool which provides a framework for making sense of unconscious dynamics that influence individuals, groups, and systems.

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**Bill Pasmore**

**Honors and Awards**
Lifetime Achievement Award

- Recognized by the National Organization Development Network for a lifetime of contributions to the field of organizational change

[https://www.odnetwork.org/blogpost/1515033/491181/2023-OD-Network-Award-Winners?hhSearchTerms=%222023+and+awards%22&terms=](https://www.odnetwork.org/blogpost/1515033/491181/2023-OD-Network-Award-Winners?hhSearchTerms=%222023+and+awards%22&terms=)
**Sonali Rajan**

**Grant**
NIH Grant Awarded: Role: Co-Investigator; National Institute on Drug Abuse; 1R01DA058028-01 Principal Investigator: S. Prins; Grant title: “Estimating the impact of the school-to-prison pipeline on adolescent health: Racialized, spatial disparities in policing, school discipline, substance use, and mental illness.” Funding Period: September 2023 – August 2028

**Public Communication**
- September 12, 2023; “Public Libraries Can Play a Role in Gun Violence Prevention” by Chip Brownlee for the Trace
  https://www.thetrace.org/2023/09/library-reduce-gun-violence-maryland/?fbclid=IwAR1vzdTHANSIOmH0Ax4aW5VSic2GRECcLf4I--rmR6_HKH9zRytLJMURaM
- July 5, 2023; “It awakened a part of us’: How NYC students are turning the trauma of gun violence into action,” by Julian Shen-Berro at Chalkbeat New York
- May 17, 2023; “A conversation about school gun violence prevention,” by Leigh Paterson and interviewed by Nikole Robinson Carroll for KUNC (NPR for Northern Colorado)

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**Douglas Ready**

**Journal Article Publication**

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**Gita Steiner-Khamsi**

**Grant**
Fulbright Scholar Award
- 3-month Fulbright Scholar Award, based at the University of Iceland, Reykjavik (September - November, 2023).
- The objective is to help strengthen comparative policy studies and assist the faculty at the University of Iceland in developing a curriculum for their new Advanced Masters program in education policy studies.

https://fulbright.is/grantees-and-alumni/current-grantees/
**Amina Tawasil**

**Grant**
“Where’s Religion?” Development Grant, Saint Louis University

- I won a grant from Lived Religion in the Digital Age, Saint Louis University to document markers of religion in New York City in audiovisual format. The title of the project is “Religion in Areligious Practices, Objects, and Spaces in NYC.”

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**Michelle S. Troche**

**Honors & Awards**
Named Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

- Fellowship is one of the highest forms of recognition given by ASHA of an individual’s accomplishments and is public declaration of outstanding professional achievements.

**Journal Article Publications**


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**Sonya Troller-Renfree**

**Journal Article Publication**
Associations between maternal stress and infant brain activity among families residing in poverty in the U.S.

- In the largest investigation to date, we show that, among families experiencing poverty, maternal stress is associated with infant brain activity. The pattern observed has been related to lower cognitive and socioemotional functioning in other research.
**Randi Wolf**

**Grant**

NIH/NIDDK Award: Evaluation of Novel Technologies to Improve Management of Celiac Disease

- Randi Wolf and her colleague, Dr. Benjamin Lebwohl at CUIMC (lead institution), were awarded a five-year U01 NIH/NIDDK grant ($6.8 Million Total Costs) as Co-PIs. This multicenter RCT will study the impact of remote dietitian follow-up, with and without new gluten detection monitoring technologies, in promoting mucosal recovery, quality of life, and a variety of behavioral outcomes among those newly diagnosed with celiac disease. The study has the potential to promote a shift in current practice and represents a significant step towards reducing the severe physical and psychological consequences associated with this common autoimmune disease.

**Renzhe Yu**

**Honors & Awards**

Best Full Paper Honorable Mention, International Conference on Educational Data Mining

- My co-authored paper, “Semantic Topic Chains for Modeling Temporality of Themes in Online Student Discussion Forums”, is nominated for Best Full Paper at International Conference on Educational Data Mining, the oldest and leading research conference at the intersection of education and data science.

[link](https://educationaldatamining.org/edm2023/program/awards/)