

**Western Oregon University
Annual Report 2008-2009
Division of Special Education**

Publications

Drum, C., Krahn, G., & **Bersani, H.**, (Eds) (2009). *Public Health and Disability*. Jointly published by the American Public Health Association and The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Baltimore.

Bersani H., & Lyman, (2009). *Government policies and programs for people with disabilities*. In C. Drum, G., Krahn, & H. Bersani (Eds) (2009). *Public Health and Disability*. Jointly published by the American Public Health Association and The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Baltimore.

Myers, C & **Bersani, H** (2008/2009). Ten quick ways to analyze children's books for ableism: Prejudice by able-bodied and able-minded people toward people with disabilities. *Rethinking Schools Winter*, 52 – 54.

Bersani, H., (2008) Augmentative and Alternative Communication. *Fezana Journal*, 22 (2), 29.

Davis, C. (in press). Test Your ALD Knowledge. *Hearing Loss*.

Davis, C. *Understanding the Need for Communication Access*. NETAC Tipsheet. Postsecondary Education Programs network (In press).

Davis, C. Telecoils. NETAC Tipsheet. Postsecondary Education Programs network (In press).

Davis, C. (2008) *Demystifying Hearing Assistance Technology: A guide for service providers and consumers*. PEPNet Perspectives.

Taff-Watson, M., Petronio, K., **Maroney, E.M.**, & Antle, L. (2008). Steps to Interpreter Education Program Accreditation: Putting the Pieces Together. In Shaw, S. & Roberson, L. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 17th National Convention*. Conference of Interpreter Trainers.

Taff-Watson, M., Petronio, K., **Maroney, E.M.**, & Antle, L. (2008). Program Accreditation and Educational Excellence: Collaboration with Organizations, Programs and Institutions. In Shaw, S. & Roberson, L. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 17th National Convention*. Conference of Interpreter Trainers.

Ni, C. (2008). Complementary Therapies in Oncology Nursing. In Hwu, Y. J. (Ed), *Oncology Nursing*. Taichu, Taiwan: Wagerna.

Ni, C. (2008). Factors Related to Mental Health of Native Americans in Eastern Tribes. Rocky Hill, CT: Proceedings of Northeastern Educational Research Association Conference.

Ni, C. (2008). Native American Health and Mental Health Needs in Eastern Tribes. Boston, MA: Proceedings of the American Psychological Association Convention.

Ni, C. (2009). The Effects of Gender and Education on Mental Health in Native Americans. San Antonio, TX: Proceedings of the National Council of Rehabilitation Educators Conference.

Presentations

International and National

Bersani, H., Tasse, Schalock, Balboni, Bothwick-Duffy, Scherba de Valenzuela, Spreat, Thissen, Widaman, & Zhang. (2008). Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale. Presented at IASSID 13th World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa.

Bersani, H., Tasse, Schalock, Balboni, Bothwick-Duffy, Scherba de Valenzuela, Spreat, Thissen, Widaman, & Zhang. (2008). A New Measure of Adaptive Behavior. Presented at AAIDD 132 Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

Bersani, H. (2008). The unsexing of Ashley X: An analysis of the controversy. Presented at AAIDD 132 Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

Bersani, H. (2008). If Growth Attenuation is the Answer, What is the Question?. Presented at IASSID 13th World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa.

Bersani, H. (2008). From “MR” to “ID: Semantic equivalent, or opportunity for paradigmatic shift. Presented at IASSID 13th World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa.

Balboni, G., Tassé, J., Schalock, R.L., **Bersani, H.** Jr., Borthwick-Duffy, S.A., Horner, R.H., Scherba de Valenzuela, J., Spreat, S., Thissen, D.M., Wacker, D.P., Widaman, K.F., & Zhang, D. (2008). Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale (DABS): A new scale to use for the diagnosis of intellectual disabilities. Summaries of the 6th Conference of the International Test Commission, Liverpool, UK.

Davis, C. (2008). *Evaluating the Transition Skills of Deaf Students with the Transition Competence Battery*. Addressing the Needs of Students Labeled Deaf and Low Functioning. Houston, Texas.

Maroney, E. & Ramirez-Loudenback. (2008). *Curriculum and Service: Creating Community Partnerships and Inspiring Reciprocity*. Conference of Interpreter Trainers. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Taff-Watson, M., Petronio, K., **Maroney, E.M.**, & Antle, L. (2008). *Steps to Interpreter Education Program Accreditation: Putting the Pieces Together*. Conference of Interpreter Trainers. San Juan, PR.

- Taff-Watson, M., Petronio, K., **Maroney, E.M.**, & Antle, L. (2008). *Program Accreditation and Educational Excellence: Collaboration with Organizations, Programs and Institutions*. Conference of Interpreter Trainers. San Juan, PR.
- Ni, C.** (2008). Native American Health and Mental Health Needs in Eastern Tribes. Boston, MA: Poster session presented at the American Psychological Association Convention.
- Ni, C.** (2009). The Effects of Gender and Education on Mental Health in Native Americans. San Antonio, TX: Breakout session conducted at the National Council of Rehabilitation Educators Conference.
- Ni, C.** (2008). Factors Related to Mental Health of Native Americans In Eastern Tribes. Rocky Hill, CT: Symposium session presented at Northeastern Educational Research Association Conference.

Presentations

State and Local

- Brownbridge, B., Pardew, M., Bersani, H., & Scarlato, M.** (2008). Recruitment Seminar. Monmouth, Oregon: Werner University Center.
- Brownbridge, B., Pardew, M., Bersani, H., & Scarlato, M.** (2009). Orientation Seminar for 09-11 cohorts. Monmouth, Oregon.
- Davis, C.** (2009). Hearing Assistance Technology for Individuals experiencing Vision Loss. Oregon Commission for the Blind. Portland, OR.
- Davis, C.** (2008). Hearing Assistance Technology: What's new? Eugene Chapter of Hearing Loss Association of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon.
- Davis, C.** (2008). Demystifying Hearing Assistance Technology. Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Services In-service training. Salem, Oregon.
- Scarlato, M.** (2009). Effective Reading Comprehension and Fluency Instruction for K-12 Students. Portland, Oregon: University of Portland.
- Scarlato, M.** (2009). Siena Italy Site Evaluation Report. Portland, Oregon: AHA International/Northwest Study Abroad Conference.
- Schroeder, C.** (2008). Curriculum and Community: ASL Studies at WOU. Salem, Oregon: Oregon Association of the Deaf.
- Schroeder, C.** (2008). Signs Have Parts. Portland, Oregon: Portland State University.
- Schroeder, C.** (2008). Higher Learning in ASL. Oregon City, Oregon: Clackamas Community College.
- Schroeder, C.** (2009). An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge. Salem, Oregon: Deaf Middle

School Leadership Conference.

Schroeder, C. (2009). ASL Studies Program at WOU. Bend, Oregon: Bend High School.

Western Oregon University Grants

Faculty Development – Category I and II, Professional Travel

- Ni, C

Faculty Development – Category III, Research

Faculty Development – Category IV, Re-assignment for Scholarship

Western Oregon Foundation Grant

- Bersani, H

External Grants and Contracts

Brownbridge, B. (\$13,000) WMF, Woodcock-Munoz Foundation Assessment Grant.

Brownbridge, B. (\$19,000) WMF, Woodcock-Munoz Language Survey-Revised Grant.

Davis, C. (2008).

Maroney, E., Smith, A. (2008). Sorenson Video Relay Service Interpreter Education Award of Excellence. One year - \$10,000. Sorenson Communications, Inc. Submitted July 2008, awarded October 2008.

Davis, C., Maroney, E., Smith, A. (2008). Office of Special Education Programs H325K080215: Combined Personnel Preparation (CDFA 84.325K) Focus Area B: Training Personnel to Serve School Age Children with Low –incidence disabilities. *ASL English Interpreting Bachelor Degree*. \$800,000 over 4 years. 9/2009-8/2012. Project Director: Cheryl Davis.

Service to the Profession

Hank Bersani

- Member, AAIDD, Nominations and Elections Committee
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Disability, Religion, Health, Intellectual, and Developmental Disabilities*.
- Ad Hoc Member, Remedial and Special Education, and Teacher Education.

Bob Brownbridge

- Member, WOUFT Collective Bargaining Team
- Past-President, Board of Directors, Poyama Day Treatment & Counseling, Independence
- Member, Oregon Cooperative Council for the Development of Professionals in Special Education (Higher Education Council)
- Member, Council for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division
- Member, Council for Exceptional Children, Division for Learning Disabilities
- Member, Council for Exceptional Children, Council for Children with Behavior Disorders
- Member, Council for Exceptional Children, Council for Educational Diagnostic Services
- Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE)

Davis

- Vice President, Hearing Loss Association of Oregon Board
- Board Member, Oregon Association on Higher Education and Disability
- PEP Net Hard of Hearing Taskforce

Keller

- Appointed by Governor Kulongoski to serve on the Oregon State Rehabilitation Council (SRC), (May 2009)
- Member, National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE)
- Counselor, Casting for Recover, a national non-profit organization that provides fly fishing retreats for breast cancer survivors

Maroney

- Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education, Commissioner
- Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment, Local Test Administrator
- Educational Interpreter Working Group, Member

Ni

- Reviewer, 2009 National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) Spring Conference. (2008, Fall)

Pardeew

- Board Member, Northwest Autism Foundation
- Member, Open Community Forum on Autism sponsored by the American Association of Pediatricians
- Subcommittee, Open Community Forum on Autism
- Evaluator, Oregon Department of Education
- Board Member, Polk Adolescent Day Treatment Center
- Member, Higher Education Council for Special Educator and EI/ECSE programs in Oregon University Systems
- Member, Advisory committee for Teaching Research Institute AIM project
- Member, GEM Center for Children with Special Healthcare Needs Committee
- Assisted PSU faculty to produce a teacher handbook, *Forming Successful Partnerships between Educators and Parents to Improve Outcomes for Children with Autism*
- Coordinator EI/ECSE, Co-coordinator Special Education programs, arranged field experiences

- Coordinated a meeting between COE administrators and Special Education program faculty with the Keizer School District, Human Resources and Special Services administrators

Scarlato

- Participant, TSPC Higher Education Advisory Council

Schroeder

- Subcommittee, Educational Interpreters Meeting, Willamette Educational Service District (Salem) October 2008
- ASL Proficiency Interviews, Oregon School for the Deaf (Salem) November 2008
- Ph. D Program in Education, Capella University (Minneapolis) January 2009
- Meeting with Instructional Dean Diana Glenn to discuss ASL Studies Program, Central Oregon Community College (Bend) March 2009
- Developing a course through WOU Department of Enhanced Programs, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Counseling Services (Salem) April 2009:
- ASL classes for parents and WOU Department of Enhanced Programs, Oregon School for the Deaf (Salem) May 2009

Smith, A.

- RID-NIC Taskforce, appointed June 2009
- National Field Consultant, FIPSE Grant: *Optimizing and Disseminating Proven Reforms in Interpreter Education* through University of Rochester Medical Center, Deaf Wellness Center

Smith, J.

- Mentor for 5 adjunct faculty
- Organized and Conducted RCE Orientation
- Organized and Conducted RCE Hooding Ceremony
- Organized evaluations for exiting students
- Managed all RSA grant Activities
- Principal Investigator for RSA grant
- Member, National Council on Rehabilitation Education
- Member, American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association
- Executive Board Member, Connections Program Advisory Board, Salem Oregon
- Chair, Deaf Community Services
- Board Member, Governor Appointed, Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

Service to Western Oregon University

Hank Bersani

- Representative, Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment
- Member, Advisory Committee, TRI-based Helen Keller Fellows project
- Volunteer, Jensen Arctic Museum
- Volunteer, Forgotten peoples Foundation
- Volunteer, Warm Hearth

Cheryl Davis

- Comprehensive Admissions Review Committee

Keller

- Presented to College of LAS (Dean and Chairs) on the COE Peer Mentoring Program (May 21st)
- Developed and prepared PMC Faculty Resource Manuals (two: Campus and On-line) which were provided to each new tenure line and FT adjunct faculty (both COE and LAS) at the new faculty orientation (September)
- Member - Division Personnel Review Committee
- Member – Division Executive Committee

Maroney

- Member, Academic Excellence Showcase Planning Committee
- Member, PURE
- Vice President, Faculty Senate

Ni

- Member, Search committee, International Student Advisor, WOU. (2008, Fall)
- Committee Member, International Education and Services, WOU (2008-2010)
- Mentor, RCE students (2009, Winter)
- Sponsor of two RCE students to present at Academic Excellence Showcase, WOU (2009, Spring)
- Search Committee Member, Clinical Coordinator, RCE program, WOU. (2009, June)

Pardeew

- Graduate Studies Committee
- Sexual Harassment Resource Guide

Scarlato

- Member, AHA International/Northwest Study Abroad Program Accreditation team
- Faculty Evaluator, Siena Italy Program
- Chair, Faculty Development Committee
- Member, Institutional Review Board

Schroeder

- Member, Academic Requirements Committee
- Faculty Senate (May 2009-Present)

Smith, J.

- RCE Coordinator
- RCE advisory Council
- Chair, RCE faculty Search Committee
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee

Service to College of Education

Bersani

- Representative, Student Technology Fee Committee
- Representative, Disability Awareness Month Committee

Brownbridge

- Member, WOU College of Education Assessment Committee

Davis

- RRCD, Search Committee, Grants Office Support
- Assessment Council
- Deaf Education Restructure Committee
- College of Education Leadership Team

Keller

- Member - College of Education Consortium
- Organized the COE Faculty portfolio “Swap and Share” (October 15th) and Peer Mentoring Reception (June 3rd)
- Presented to College of LAS (Dean and Chairs) on the COE Peer Mentoring Program
- Chair, COE Peer Mentoring Committee

Maroney

- Preview Day, May 16, 2009
- March 2009 Administered Educational Interpreter Performance Assessments Knowledge test to interested students and community interpreters, Western Oregon University
- May 16, 2009 Interpreting and Sign Language Professional Job Fair, Western Oregon University
- May 2009 Administered Educational Interpreter Performance Assessments to seniors, Western Oregon University

Pardeew

- Member, NCATE/TSPC Reaccreditation Preparation Committee
- Member, Policy Analysis Review Committee (PARC)
- Member - Division Personnel Review Committee
- Member – Division Executive Committee
- Chair, Early Intervention Advisory Council
- Guest lecturer in Ed 100
- Faculty Observation of BJ Rosenblad (1/08)
- Chair of four Professional Portfolio committees (Spring 2008)
- Member, TPD professional portfolio committee (Fall 2007)

Scarlato

- Attendee, College of Education Consortium Meetings
- Attendee and Participant, College of Education work sample symposium

Smith, A.

- Preview Day – February 14, 2009
- Faculty Senate, Curriculum Committee – September 2008 – present
- July 11, 2008 – SOAR Day, Monmouth Oregon

Smith, J.

- College of Education, Diversity Committee

Service to Division of Special Education

Bersani

- Representative, Academic Infrastructure Committee

Brownbridge

- Co-coordinator with Dr. Pardew, Special Educator Program Division
- Representative, Division of Special Education Online Application

Davis

- Special Education: Personnel Review committee
- Special Education: Budget Committee
- Special Education: Executive Committee
- Faculty Senate: SPED senator

Maroney

- Member, PRC
- Representative, Faculty Senate

Pardew

- Co-coordinator, Special Educator Program
- Chair, Special Education Curriculum Committee
- Coordinator, Early Intervention/Special Education program

Scarlato

- Participant, Preview Day and Early Bird Registration Saturday Session
- Member, Divisions Personnel Review Committee
- Observer/Feedback provider, Rehabilitation Counseling Faculty, BJ Rosenblad
- Attendee, Special Education Advisory Meetings

Smith, J.

- Chair, PRC Committee, Division of Special Education
- Member, PRC Committee, Division of Special Education

Awards and Recognition

- Bersani, H. Pastega Award
- Maroney, E. National Interpreter Certificate
- Maroney, E. Sorenson Video Relay Service Interpreter Education Program Award of Excellence – awarded October 2008 at the Conference of Interpreter Trainers
- Ni, C. Certified as a rehabilitation counselor (CRC). (2008, November)
- Smith, A. College of Education Mentor Program Completion
- Smith, A. National Interpreter Certification - Master
- Smith, A. Educational: k-12 Certification (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment 4.7)

Conferences Organized

- Brownbridge, B. Co-coordinator/co-host, *Bilingual Assessment Conference*, 2009, Western Oregon University
- Maroney, E. Educational Interpreter Summer Institute, August 15, 2008
- Schroeder, C. ASL Studies Adjuncts Retreat (Monmouth) September 2008
- Schroeder, C. ASL Studies Adjuncts Workshop (Monmouth) January 2009