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*A Bit of History from Chair of Reading and Language Arts Jim Cipielewski:* Reading and Language Arts has showcased a unique course, Authors and Illustrators' Art and Craft (RDG 570) for decades. The department has provided a quality children's literature program since the 1960's and the arrival of Jane Bingham who, with her colleagues, presented courses ranging from literature for the young child to young adult literature as well as storytelling. At the same time, Harry Hahn, the founding member of Reading and Language Arts, was arranging for summer courses featuring noted scholars and speakers such as Bill Martin, Jr. Some of us still remember people standing in the hallway outside the Gold Rooms to catch a part of his presentations. This continued with the able assistance of Gerry Palmer Coon bringing in noted speakers from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain. In 1983, Jane Bingham organized a conference at Meadowbrook Hall with speakers such as Brian Wildsmith, a winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal in Britain; Nancy Bone, a Newbery Honor Winner; and Robert Cormier, author of *The Chocolate War*. The moderator of the three-day event was Leland Jacobs, himself a poet, scholar, and enthusiastic promoter of reading and children's literature. The three-day conference was tied to the RDG 570 course that summer.



A few years later, Dorsey Hammond and Gerry Palmer Coon were asked to organize a summer RDG 570 course, which would center on authors and illustrators. They rose to the occasion and featured outstanding authors and illustrators including such noted guest lecturers as Mitch Albom, Robert SanSouci, Patricia Polacco, and, a new author, Christopher Paul Curtis, who was just releasing his first book, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963*. That book went on to win a Newbery Honor and the Coretta Scott King Award. He has since won the Newbery Medal and the Coretta Scott King Medal for *Bud Not Buddy*, the first and only author to achieve this distinction. Gerry and Dorsey certainly had great insights.

In 1997, Linda Pavonetti, who had just joined the SEHS, and Jim Cipielewski were asked to take over the course beginning in the summer of 1998. From the beginning it was clear that Linda had the necessary savvy to arrange top-ranked illustrators and authors. That first year Paul Zelinsky, the 1998 winner of the Caldecott Medal for his *Rapunzel*; Joan Lowry Nixon, who had four Edgar Allen Poe awards for her mysteries; and Denise Fleming, a winner of a Caldecott Honor award, shared their artistic processes with the OU students in the course. The guest authors and illustrators helped students understand more about the creation of wonderful children's books by showing them storyboards, multiple drafts (Tom Barron shared his more than 12 complete rewrites of one his early books!), writers' notebooks, artists' sketchbooks, suitcases full of rejection letters, and all manner of information that they experience.

Brian Selznick gave the students a rare and wonderful insight into his world. Two years before *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* hit the bookstores, Brian shared excerpts from the book and series of illustrations he had created for the book. The incomparable design of the book, incorporating multiple pages of illustrations that carried the story as well as exemplary text was stunning. It was more illuminating as the students glimpsed Brian's creative process while the book was still embryonic. The fact that the book was published two years later in a new format was special; *Hugo Cabret* winning the Caldecott medal as the most distinguished illustrated book for children gave those students a sense of having been "on the inside" of the creation and publication of a *classic*.

Reading and Language Arts hopes and expects that students in the Authors and Illustrators' Art and Craft course take this insight and excitement about authors, illustrators, and their books back to their classrooms and inoculate (in a positive sense) their students and fellow educators with the same enthusiasm. We'll continue to work diligently toward this end.

*Statistics that support our pride:*

These are important awards in children's literature that are seen as benchmarks of excellence.

- *Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished illustrated book for children:* 44 Awards and Honors for illustrators visiting OU since 1998
- *Newbery Medal for the most distinguished book for children:* 19 Awards and

Honors for authors visiting OU since 1998

- *Coretta Scott King Medal for outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values:* 77 Awards and Honors for authors visiting OU since 1998. (This includes the Virginia Hamilton Award honoring Ashley Bryan for lifetime achievement.)
- *The Orbis Pictus Award for excellence in nonfiction writing for children:* 19 Awards and Honors for authors visiting OU since 1998
- *Siebert Medal for the most distinguished informational book for children:* 16 Awards and Honors for authors visiting OU since 1998
- *The Jane Addams Award is given to the books that effectively promote the cause of peace, social justice, world community, and the equality of the sexes and all races:* 25 Awards and Honors for authors visiting OU since 1998

## ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Scholarship Update

Dan Quinn, a doctoral student admitted in 2013, has been accepted for the 2015 William L. Boyd National Education Politics Workshop, sponsored by the Politics of Education Association and the University Council for Educational Administration.

The Politics of Education Association and the University Council for Educational Administration invites graduate students and recent doctoral graduates to a special 2 1/2-hour workshop. The William L. Boyd National Educational Politics Workshop, scheduled on the first afternoon of the AERA annual meeting, will give emerging scholars (students and new academics/researchers) the opportunity to learn about current and promising research in the politics of education field and interact with leading politics of education scholars.

**Congratulations to Dan!**



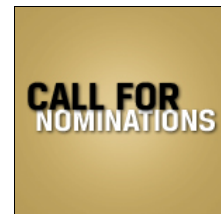
## IN THE NEWS

### Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award - Call for Nominations

The SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award will be presented to two full-time faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring in one of these three areas: teaching, scholarship, or service. The two full-time faculty mentors selected for this award will each receive an additional \$500 to support their contract faculty travel expenses in 2015-2016.

The deadline to apply for this award is Monday, January 26, 2015 by 5pm. The recipient(s) of this award will be announced in the SEHS newsletter on Friday, February 13, 2015. An open call for nominations via the SEHS list serve began on October 17, 2014 and will run through January 23, 2015.

For information regarding how full-time faculty members, part-time faculty members, and graduate students can nominate their full-time faculty mentor to receive a SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award, view the **complete form** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Newsletters/MENTORING%20AWARD%20SEHS3-4.docx>).



### Galileo Named Supporter for Teach to Lead

The Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership was recently named as a supporter for the Teach to Lead Initiative, which is supported by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

For additional information, view the **Teach to Lead** (<http://teachtolead.org/supporters/>) webpage.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Healthy Living Network Lunch Meeting - November 18, 2014**

SEHS is pleased sponsor the third Faculty and Staff Healthy Living Network Lunch Meeting. The purpose of the meetings are to promote healthy living, eating and exercise tips within the SEHS community.

The next SEHS faculty and staff healthy living network lunch meeting will be this coming Tuesday November 18, 2014 from noon - 12:40pm in 204 Pawley Hall. The confirmed healthy living guest speaker will be Stephanie Willis, Wellness Coordinator at Oakland University.

In her role as Wellness Coordinator, Stephanie provides support, information, and programs to all faculty and staff members. With the holiday season right around the corner, learn about a holiday program set up to support you in your efforts to maintain a physically active, indulgence free holiday season. In addition, learn of services and programs (most of which are \$0 out-of-pocket cost) offered at OU throughout the year to support you and your goals towards personal well-being!

For more information about this program contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott**  
(mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Healthy%20Living%20Network%20Lunch%20Meeting).



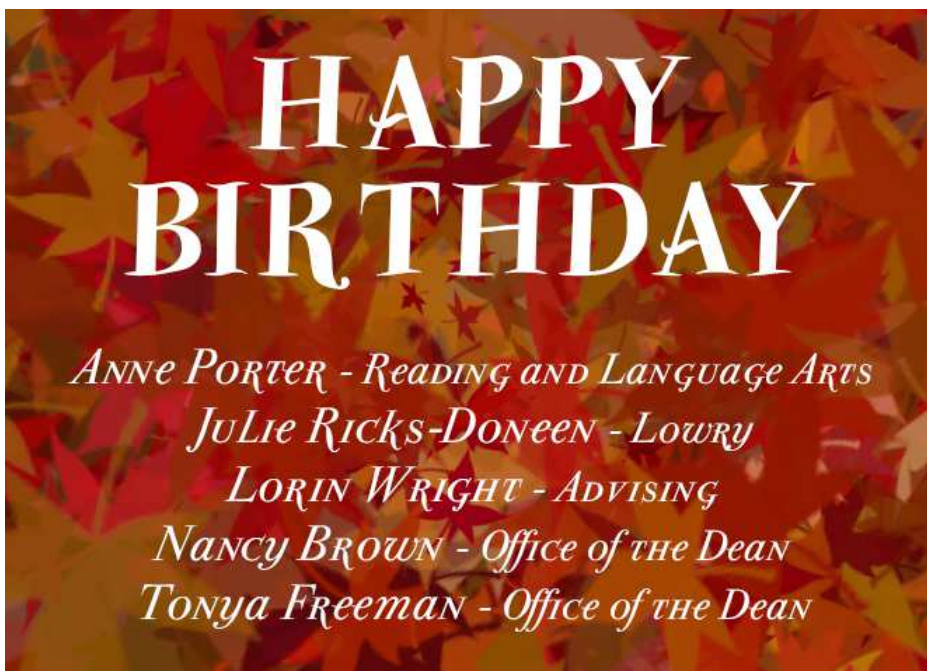
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**Winter Brunch Potluck - December 8, 2014**

The School of Education and Human Services will be having a winter themed potluck brunch on Monday, December 8, 2014, from 10:30am-12:30pm. Come join your fellow employees in the Atrium for delicious food and holiday fun.

View the **attached form** ([https://docs.google.com/a/oakland.edu/spreadsheets/d/1bsuh9QQwSsOT1qdFE3qCvjGxI6KD6Q3qiVpzD1es\\_Q4/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/a/oakland.edu/spreadsheets/d/1bsuh9QQwSsOT1qdFE3qCvjGxI6KD6Q3qiVpzD1es_Q4/edit#gid=0)) to sign up for a dish to pass. As part of the fun, you have the option of wearing the ugliest holiday sweater you can find.

We hope to see you there!

**CELEBRATIONS**

If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu)  
(mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Birthday%20exclusion).

**ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN**

Welcome to the SEHS Bulletin, where faculty and staff can share news and celebrate the wonderful things happening in SEHS. The bulletin is the perfect place to share information about your publications and awards, special projects and committee news, as well as announce events.

All are welcome to send items for inclusion. If you choose to do so, please ensure that your items are print ready, that you include all related links, and that you have permission to publish any photos being submitted. Please put "SEHS Bulletin" in the subject line and email your information to:

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