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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Associate Professor and Special Education Coordinator Janet Graetz:

On March 31, 2016, the Center for Autism and the Department of Human Development and Child Studies hosted a symposium titled, *Autism and Sexuality: Challenges and Hidden Dangers*. The purpose of the symposium was to increase awareness of the topic of sexuality for adolescents and adults with autism and the legalities of sexual behavior. More than 240 participants, including social workers, counselors, attorneys, mental health workers, judges, parents, and individuals with autism, attended the conference held in the Golf Pavilion at Oakland University.



Dr. Isabelle Henault, internationally renowned researcher on this topic, spoke in the morning and engaged the audience with her personal stories as a psychologist, therapist, and researcher in the field of sexuality and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). In the afternoon, Dr. Gary Mesibov, emeritus professor from University of North Carolina, and Mr. Raymond Cassar, Attorney at Law, discussed autism and the criminal justice system. The last two speakers, Mr. Larry Dubin and Ms. Kitty Dubin, gave compelling talks as to the life of their son, Nick, a young man with Asperger Syndrome, and his involvement in the criminal justice system. The day concluded with a panel discussion and questions from the audience. The faculty within the Center for Autism look forward to continuing the education and discussion of sexuality and autism and increasing awareness of this topic, especially to those in the legal community.



ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Stephanie Crockett Publishes Book

Stephanie Crockett, assistant professor from the department of Counseling has published two chapters in the recently released textbook, *An Advanced Lifespan Odyssey for Counseling Professionals*. The two chapters detail the physical, cognitive, social/emotional, and career development of individuals in early adulthood.

Congratulations to Stephanie!



IN THE NEWS

Lowry Holds Family Math and Science Night

On March 15, 2016, the Lowry Center held their 4th Annual Family Math and Science Night. This event was hosted by Oakland University students taking *EC 324 - Science and Math: Curriculum and Assessment*, guided by Margaret Mudge. Over 84 children and their families participated in hands-on math and science activities. A fun and educational night was had by all!



Tim Larrabee Speaks with Channel 4 on Gender Identity

Tim Larrabee from the department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies recently spoke with Paula Tutman on the injustices that confront transgender students. They discussed whether or not students should be able to choose which bathroom or locker room to use based on their gender identity.

For additional information, view the [Channel 4 news feature](#).



AERA - 2016

The 2016 American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference will be held in Washington D.C. from April 8-12. SEHS faculty presenters include:

- Cynthia Carver, Organizational Leadership
- Lisa Hawley, Counseling
- Bong Gee Jang, Reading and Language Arts
- Michael MacDonald, Office of the Dean
- Emery Petchauer, Teacher Development and Educational Studies
- Julia Smith, Organizational Leadership
- Thandi Sule, Organizational Leadership

For additional information on these and other presenters, view the [complete SEHS presenter list](#), or stop by the Office of the Dean to pick up a printed copy.



SMEA Holds Family Fun Fair

The Oakland Student Michigan Education Association (SMEA) held the first (and hopefully annual) Family Fun Fair event in conjunction with Literacy Night at one of SEHS's partnership schools, Alcott Elementary in Pontiac, on Thursday, March 31.

The SMEA organization provided games, art activities and books to be raffled to support the Alcott community families. The event was well received, with many families asking students if there are plans to return next year. There is no better gauge of success than, "please come back again."



CELEBRATIONS

If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu.

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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