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#### FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

*From Associate Professor and Director of the SOGI Initiative Tim Larrabee:*

While marriage equality is approaching the ultimate debate in the highest court in the land, we cannot presume to have arrived in a fair and just society that recognizes the worth of all our citizens regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity (SOGI). The Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (**GLSEN** (<http://www.glsen.org/>)) has recently released their 2013 State Snapshot, which found that in Michigan:

- 9 in 10 LGBT students regularly heard homophobic remarks at school
- 8 in 10 heard peers make negative remarks about classmates' gender expression
- Nearly 25% regularly heard school staff make negative remarks about students' sexual orientation or gender expression
- 80% of LGBT students experienced harassment based on their perceived sexual orientation
- 60% of LGBT students were harassed for their gender expression
- Nearly 40% were physically accosted due to their sexual orientation
- More than half of those harassed or assaulted never reported the incidents to school staff (57%) or to family (52%)
- Less than one-third of those who reported the incident received effective intervention by school staff



The fourth annual Michigan SOGI Education Conference brings together experts from across the country to engage students and educators in critical dialogue that will lead to improved policies and practices that ensure all students can attend school free from harassment and discrimination. This year's conference includes sessions that address the complex issues of race, gender, and religion as they intersect with SOGI and education. Students and educators will learn current information about SOGI, the resources available to them for ongoing education, as well as strategies for creating safer and more inclusive learning environments.

The **Michigan SOGI Conference** (<http://www.oakland.edu/sogi/2015-conference/>) will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 7:30am – 5pm at the **Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint** (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dtwpo-auburn-hills-marriott-pontiac-at-centerpoint/>). The **full program** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/SEH-10538%20Michigan%20SOGI%20Conference%20Program%20-%202015.pdf>) and **registration** ([https://ebill.oakland.edu/C21178\\_ustores/web/store\\_cat.jsp?STOREID=48&CATID=267&SINGLESTORE=true](https://ebill.oakland.edu/C21178_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=48&CATID=267&SINGLESTORE=true)) are available online. Onsite registrations open at 7:30am.

For additional information, contact [sogi@oakland.edu](mailto:sogi@oakland.edu) (<mailto:sogi@oakland.edu>) or call 248.370.4614.

#### ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Scholarship Update

Brian Taber, Associate Professor from the department of Counseling, has two recent publications pertaining to his scholarship, regarding the psychology of time and career related outcomes.

The first is an article published in the Journal of Vocational Behavior, entitled *Future work self and career adaptability in the prediction of proactive career behaviors*. Brian and his colleague, Dr. Maureen Blankemeyer, examined how the degree of clarity of future work self and dimensions of career adaptability influence engagement in behaviors such as career networking, career planning, and skill development.

The second publication is a book chapter, entitled *Enhancing future time perspective and exploring occupational possible selves*, and was published in the American Psychological Association's Handbook of Career Intervention. The chapter describes a structured three-phase intervention that can be used to encourage clients to engage in career exploration and planning.

**Congratulations to Brian!**



### IN THE NEWS

### Interim and Associate Dean Share Thoughts on Professional Readiness Exam

A high percentage of college students who want to be teachers are failing a new state test at a time when a teacher shortage is predicted over the next decade.

The new Professional Readiness Exam measures a student's foundation in English, math and writing learned in high school. The test it replaced was called the Basic Skills Test.

Interim Dean Bob Maxfield and Associate Dean Nancy Brown recently met with reporter Diana Dillaber to share their thoughts on the exam.

For additional information, view the **full article** (<http://www.dailytribune.com/social-affairs/20150130/new-state-test-for-future-teachers-faulted-by-area-colleges-universities>).

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### OUCARES Represented on Bloomfield Cable TV

Recently, Kathy Sweeney and Kristin Rohrbeck from OUCARES visited Bloomfield Cable TV to help in the taping of a Health Talk. The purpose of this talk was to show highlight the wonderful work being done by OUCARES.

For additional information, view the **full 30 minute show** (<http://vimeo.com/117407389>).



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### Parent Cafés Hosted by Lowry

For the third year in a row, the Lowry Center has received a mini-grant from the Great Start Collaborative of Oakland County to host a series of three Parent Cafés during the school year. Parent Cafés are different from traditional workshops/family nights because they are intended to be conversational and to encourage sharing among families. The Parent Cafés are centered on the Strengthening Families Model. The mini-grant provides resources for Lowry teachers to facilitate the sessions, as well as to provide child care, dinner, and other resources for the families and children who attend.

The first Parent Café focusing on Parental Resilience, was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Data is collected from families who attend Parent Cafés across Oakland County, and the aggregate data informs policy and program development for families and children.

The next Café will be on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.



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### Counseling Faculty Facilitate Panel Discussion

Counseling faculty, Jennifer Matthews, Chaunda Scott, Thandi Sule, and Tierra Tivis, along with Counseling doctoral student Alcía Freeman facilitated a panel discussion titled, *The Role of institutions of Higher Education Surrounding Issues like Ferguson, MO* on January 29, 2015.

This presentation was part of the 2015 African American Celebration month.



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### Authors and Illustrators

View the **attached form** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/Art%20&%20Craft-2015.pdf>) for a complete listing of all 2015 Authors and Illustrators classes.

For additional information, contact **Linda Pavonetti** (<mailto:pavonett@oakland.edu?subject=Authors%20and%20Illustrators>).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

### African and African American Centered Research Symposium - February 5, 2015

In celebration of Black History Month 2015, the new SEHS Black Faculty Network and the ERL will sponsor its first African and African American centered Research Symposium on Thursday February 5, 2015 at 5:30-7:00 pm in the ERL.

All SEHS faculty and students are invited to share their completed or in progress African and African American research at this symposium. If you or your students are interested in participating in this event, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=African%20and%20African%20American%20Centered%20Research%20Symposium>).



### Lunch and Learn Seminar: The Role of a Trustee & Executor, February 16, 2015

The Office of Planned Giving is hosting a lunch informative seminar on Monday, February 16th, from noon - 1 p.m. in the Lake Huron Room of the Oakland Center.

Seating is limited, so reservations are required. Please **RSVP** ([http://isupportou.com/s/1001/04-giving/index.aspx?sid=1001&pgid=1296&gid=4&cid=2901&ecid=2901&post\\_id=0](http://isupportou.com/s/1001/04-giving/index.aspx?sid=1001&pgid=1296&gid=4&cid=2901&ecid=2901&post_id=0)) by February 11, 2015. For additional information, view the full **invitation** ([http://www.oakland.edu/view\\_news.aspx?nid=12001](http://www.oakland.edu/view_news.aspx?nid=12001)).



### Diverse Voices Conference - February 14, 2015

The Thirteenth Annual Diverse Voices Conference will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 10am -12:30pm at Meadow Brook Theater. The aim of the Diverse Voices Conference is to provide a supportive forum for OU students, faculty, staff and community members to speak out in support of valuing all aspects of human diversity. The conference theme is *The Role of Diversity Leadership in the 21st Century*.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Bertie M. Greer, Professor of Management from the University of Northern Kentucky. A panel comprised of a local business leader and Oakland University students from the departments of Human Resource Development and Counseling will also be a part of this conference.

Entertainment and refreshments will also be provided. Admission is free to this conference as it is a community event open to the public. Please invite your students attend this conference.

For additional information, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Diverse%20Voices%20Conference>).

### 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:

**sehs@oakland.edu** (<mailto:sehs@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).

If you have questions about the bulletin, feel free to email James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu) (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).



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