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ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2018 Teaching Excellence Award

Jennifer Matthews, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling, was recently honored with the 2018 Teaching Excellence Award. This recognition acknowledges the genuine admiration of her students and colleagues, while honoring a superior level of professionalism in teaching.

Jennifer will be formally recognized for this award at the 23rd Annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m.



Congratulations Jennifer!

OU's Dissertation of the Year Award

As a recent graduate from the Department of Organizational Leadership, Dr. Deirdre Pitts was this year's recipient of OU's Dissertation of the Year Award. Her dissertation, under chair V. Thandi Sule, is titled, "The Academic Search: Unconscious Bias and its Impact on the Recruitment and Evaluation of Faculty Candidates."

Deirdre will be honored at the upcoming commencement ceremony in April.

Congratulations Deirdre!



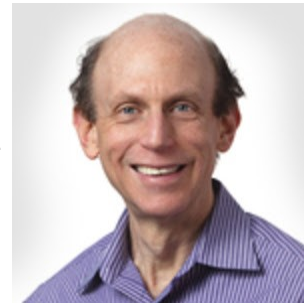
Robert Fink Published in *The Oakland Journal*

Robert Fink, associate professor in the Department of Counseling, had his article, titled "Three Brief Conversations On The Construction Of Madness," published in the most recent edition of *The Oakland Journal*.

In October 2017, he presented two invited workshops at the European Branch - American Counseling Association conference in Budapest, Hungary. One workshop focused on the special psychotherapeutic issues of survivors of violence. The second workshop examined the scientific quality and the politics of the "evidence" in the evidence-based psychotherapy movement.

Robert was also interviewed for an April 1 story in *The Oakland Press* regarding the recent surge of violent threats made to schools in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Congratulations Robert!



IN THE NEWS

Representing OU at Northern Michigan University

On Monday, April 2, Chaturi Edrisinha spoke at Northern Michigan University as a guest presenter at the University's World Autism Awareness Day celebration. She presented on addressing the challenges faced by college students with autism spectrum disorders and ways to help them succeed.

According to their feature, she "reviewed the law, supports and resources that may hold the key to attrition and successful graduation for students with ASD and related developmental disorders as they navigate higher education. She also discussed employment



outcomes post-graduation from the perspective of accountability and shared what OU is doing to address the needs of the ASD population in Michigan."

View the full article on [NMU NEWS](#).

Early Childhood Students' Educational Experience

On Wednesday, April 4, Early Childhood Education students from EC 3322 (Language, Literacy, and Creative Arts-Curriculum & Assessment) traveled to Flint to visit and tour the Cummings Community School. The school works closely with children and families affected by the water crisis.



The undergraduates met with the school director to discuss the education and care for children who were exposed to lead as a result of the city's water crisis. They learned about programming designed for critical interventions, based on the Reggio Emilia Approach that focuses on a "community of care" teaching philosophy.

CELEBRATIONS



If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Jennifer Schmalz](#).

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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