

FACES IN EDUCATION

NAME: Darlene S. Zwart

CURRENT POSITION: Administrative Grants Coordinator, SOE Teacher Academy

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Working With International Students.

WHAT EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME: Be

Flexible; Be Patient; Be Kind.

MOST RESPECTED PUBLIC FIGURE: Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Council of Truth & Reconciliation.

HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES: Bicycled from Seattle, Wash., to Grand Rapids upon her graduation from college. Aspires to someday finish the coast-to-coast, cross-country venture by bicycling from Grand Rapids to the East Coast.



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Jung-Ah Choi

NAME: Jung-Ah Choi
CURRENT POSITION: Assistant

Professor, Foundations
RESEARCH OR SPECIAL INTERESTS: Equity Issues in Education; Qualitative Research Methodology, Poststructuralism.

REASON FOR BEING IN EDUCATION: To

teach and get students excited about thinking.
ATTRACTION TO GVSU: I was mesmerized by the campus when I visited here and GVSU afforded me the opportunity to teach undergraduate discussion classes as opposed to large lecture hall classes.

MOST RESPECTED PERSON: Michael Jordan, because he is a classy athlete.

HOBBIES: Competition-driven sports.

NAME: Roger M. Finlan

CURRENT POSITION: S.O.E. Affiliate Faculty

RESEARCH OR SPECIAL INTERESTS:

The effect of poverty on student performance in school.

WHAT EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME: All

students want to learn and be successful
WORDS TO LIVE BY: "Education is not the filling of a pail, it is the lighting of a fire" – William Butler Yeats

MOST RESPECTED PERSON: All persons who have the courage to stand for their convictions in the face of adversity and difficulty. The best example in my lifetime is Ghandi.

BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING EDUCATION: Under funding of schools

HOBBIES: Cooking, baking, reading, making and editing videos, world politics and golf.



Roger M. Finlan

Service-Learning Institute Inspires Citizenship

"Inspiring Citizenship Through Service Learning" was the topic of February's Institute on Service Learning hosted by the Michigan Campus Compact and the School of Education.

Several well known speakers congregated among West Michigan educators for the eighth annual conference at the Kirkhof Center.

Featured speakers included founding president of the Independent Sector, Brian O'Connell, Campus Compact executive director Elizabeth Hollander and Jamaal Young of Georgetown University.

Breakout sessions included Fundamentals of Service-Learning, Cesar Chavez Service-Learning, Politics and Practice, Inspiring Citizenship Through Service-Learning, Group Facilitating, Making Citizenship Vital, Facilitation for Community Grant Writing,

Incorporating Education Into Co-curricular Service-Learning and Securing the Homeland.

"We are pleased to be hosting the institute of service learning at GVSU," said School of Education professor Jay Cooper, who coordinated the conference. "It allows us not only to bring together faculty, staff and students from across the region to discuss service learning, but also to showcase what our faculty are doing in this area and the work of the Johnson Center on Philanthropy."

The Institute was sponsored by GVSU and the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, Hope College, Calvin College, Grand Rapids Community College, State Farm Insurance, Michigan Campus Compact and the Michigan Community Service Commission.



Representing GVSU at the International Service Learning Conference, from left to right, are Faite R-P Mack, Chutkeaw Ratanachamnong, Ram Chattulani and Susan Carson.

School of Education Represented in Thailand At International Service-Learning Conference

Four representatives from GVSU's School of Education made presentations at the International Partnership for Service Learning's 22nd International Service-Learning Conference in January, 2004.

School of Education professors Faite R-P

Mack, Ph.D., Ram Chattulani, Ph.D. and Susan Carson, Ph.D., were among the featured presenters at the January 3-10 conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Also presenting at the conference was GVSU graduate student Chutkeaw Ratanachamnong.

Fourth Annual WIN Conference Is All Inclusive

More than 300 general and special education teachers, parents, administrators, community advocates, board of education members and legislators examined ways of "Creating Inclusive Communities" at the fourth annual West Michigan Inclusion Network Conference (WIN) hosted by Grand Valley State University.

Topics focused on students with disabilities and strategies for adapting curriculum, behavior modifications and laws about special education.

Among those in attendance at the Nov. 21, 2003, conference at the Eberhard Center was Michigan Senator Wayne Kuipers. Also at the conference was Miss Michigan 2003, Madonna K. Emond, whose platform is education and recreation for the special needs community.

Author and inclusion expert Dr. Paula Kluth of Syracuse University delivered the keynote address and talked about instruction and learning

potential for all students.

Dr. Pam Garriat of the School of Education made a presentation about collaboration, educators and general educators. Fifteen education students volunteered to facilitate the conference.

"The most important thing was that it brought together a variety of educators from throughout the state," according to event organizer Dr. Barbara Doumanian, who is a special education coordinator for the School of Education and chair of the West Michigan Inclusion Network. "It was a nice opportunity to bring everyone together and showcase Grand Valley, as well."

The 2004 WIN Conference is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 12. Additional information may be obtained by e-mailing Dr. Doumanian (doumanib@gvsu.edu).