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## OT Professor's Research Reshaping Ky. Social Services

Driven by a scholar's quiet passion, EKU occupational therapy professor Dr. Ruth Huebner is guiding Kentucky to the leading edge of states that use research to reshape their social services.



Some time back, leaders of the Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC) decided to create a service delivery system based on proven needs, measurable outcomes and fact-based policy development. To utilize the data

Huebner

necessary to do that, they needed a skilled researcher who could conduct customer satisfaction studies and program evaluation. They found what they sought in Huebner.

An acclaimed, widely-published researcher, Huebner, who holds a doctorate in psychology, joined the CFC staff full-time on July 1 as a contract employee "on loan" from EKU. Only three other states are believed to have comparable research specialists.

She began her job by designing a representative and reliable customer satisfaction survey process to be implemented in all 16 CFC service regions. To date,

five service regions have completed the survey process and are using the results to enhance client service delivery. The remaining regions are scheduled to complete the process by mid-June.

The survey is designed to measure

how well the Cabinet is responding to actual needs and where improvements are needed based on responses from CFC personnel, clients of CFC's Protection and Permanency, Child Support and Family Support agencies, foster and adoptive parents, and community partners. When all responses are analyzed, Huebner generates a report detailing her findings. She then works with each region to interpret survey responses and to use them to make needed changes in practice.

The survey findings provide far more precise insights into perceptions and satisfaction levels than were ever available in the past. For example, Cabinet officials now know that among a representative sample of foster/adoptive parents in Fayette County, 82 percent feel they have received sufficient training, but only 43 percent believe their foster children receive "quality" visits from their protection workers. CFC's customer satisfaction survey and the research methodology it uses to evaluate and refine practices have attracted national attention. Huebner said Kentucky is on the leading edge of what she expects will become a trend to use research data to improve social and human services policy and delivery.

The CFC research position also appealed to Huebner because it fits nicely with her belief that research should have practical value and should be presented in a way that makes its relevance clear.

"I was very much attracted to this opportunity because I knew the data generated would be used to guide Cabinet policy and practice and to base decisions on reality and facts," Huebner said. "That alone represents a paradigm change from theory- or emotion-driven practice to evidence-driven practice."

In addition to conducting research, Huebner will help identify funding sources and expand CFC's ongoing commitment to research. She is working to identify all available data pertaining to CFC's mission and hopes to index these resources to provide a convenient, onestop data clearinghouse for other researchers.

In April, a special symposium, "Making Kentucky's Diverse Families Work: A Celebration of Research," will provide exposure for the high quality research on social service topics that is being undertaken in Kentucky. Huebner is

> deeply involved in the planning and production of the symposium, which will be held at the Kentucky History CY Center in Frankfort. The event is being sponsored by several universities and state research agencies in collaboration with the CFC.

the CFC. Huebner said

the research position at CFC is the product of the shared vision of Cabinet Secretary Viola Miller and Bruce Wolford, director of the EKU Training Resource Center, a professional development and training center and long-time partner with the Cabinet.

EKU, along with seven other public postsecondary institutions in Kentucky, make up the University Training Consortium. The Cabinet, the consortium and EKU provide funding for Huebner's position.

Huebner will teach a course on applied research this summer through the University of Kentucky and EKU. Her aims for the course, she said, are to promote the Cabinet's research activities, "demonstrate the role research can play in improving people's lives and begin grooming the next generation of researchers for careers in social service research."

## **Getting to Know You** Campus Receptions Precede Inauguration





President Glasser was the guest of honor at several inauguration-related events the past two weeks, including a staff reception (above) and Chamber of Commerce reception (left). Also, a student reception was held March 6. Another reception will be held Tuesday, March 12, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Gallery on Main, 128 W. Main St. Full coverage of the March 8 inauguration will appear in the March 25 issue of EKUpdate.

## Actor to Portray Rupp in March 12 Program

Legendary University of Kentucky basketball Coach Adolph Rupp will come to life Tuesday, March 12 in a portrayal by Georgetown College professor Edward B. Smith.

The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond Area Arts Center at the corner of Lancaster Avenue and Water Street, Richmond. The Kentucky Chautauqua program is presented under the auspices of the Kentucky Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by EKU's Center for Kentucky History and Politics and the Richmond Area Arts Council. It is free and open to the public.

Smith's 40-minute presentation begins with Rupp's childhood in Kansas, follows the coach through his playing days – he didn't score a point for the University of Kansas in three years – and continues through his early coaching career and glory days at UK, where his teams won 880 games and four national titles. Audiences encounter Rupp at the end of a day in 1972, and Smith poignantly weaves basketball with the coach's personal history.

"A lot of folks would have been happy with just basketball stories, and there are a lot of them," Smith told the Lexington Herald-Leader. "But it needs to be more than that. His history is important, too.

"This is a version of Adolph Rupp," he added. "It's pretty accurate. It's well researched. It's carefully thought out. Much of my script is verbatim quotes. But I sure wouldn't want to be the final Adolph Rupp for these people. I want to give a fair, accurate version and then let them go do more work for themselves."

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#### Monday, March 11

#### **High School Art Exhibit**

17<sup>th</sup> annual Bluegrass Regional High School Art Exhibition opens, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building. About 300 works from students in 30 area high schools. Exhibit continues through April 2. Opening reception Sunday, March 10, 2-4 p.m. For Gallery hours, call 622-8135.

#### Tuesday, March 12

#### **Are Humans Naturally Good?**

"Are Humans Naturally Good or Naturally Evil?" debate sponsored by EKU Philosophy Club, 8 p.m., Adams Room, Wallace Building. Participants: Dr. Malcolm Frisbie, Dr. Todd Gooch, Dr. Laura Newhart. Moderator: Dr. Ron Messerich.

### EKUpdate

#### March 11, 2002

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#### **Rupp Comes to Life**

"The Baron," a portrayal of Adolph Rupp by Edward B. Smith, Georgetown College professor, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, Water Street and Lancaster Avenue. Co-sponsored by EKU Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

#### Ledford Lectures, Performs

"Bluegrass Branch: Pickin' Up the Tempo," 6-7 p.m., lecture by Homer Ledford, dulcimer maker and bluegrass musician, Grand Reading Room; 7-7:30, reception, Grand Reading Room; 8-9 p.m., performance by Homer Ledford and Cabin Creek Band, Posey Auditorium, Stratton Building.

#### Sigma Alpha lota Musicale

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

#### Wednesday, March 13

#### **Native American Group Meets**

Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission meeting, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Perkins Building; for more information, call Beth

#### Announcements

#### **J&S Career Day April 4**

EKU's College of Justice & Safety will host its annual Career Day Thursday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Robert Clark Stone Fitness Center, Stratton Building.

This year more than 60 federal, state and local organizations ranging from law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities to security firms are expected to participate in the program.

Additional activities scheduled in conjunction with Career Day include a Pre-Career Day Panel discussion on Wednesday, April 3, from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. in Stratton 438 and the presentation, "Dealing with the Aftermath of Trauma," on Friday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to noon in Posey Auditorium, Stratton Building. The Pre-Career Day Panel is hosted by the College of Justice & Safety Alumni Association and EKU Career Services. The April 5 presentation is a part of the Training Resource Center's Juvenile Justice, Corrections and Child Welfare Speaker Series.

For more information, contact Pauline Lively at 622-8244 or pauline.lively@eku.edu, or visit www.justice.eku.edu.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Career in Education?**

Looking for a second career in education? EKU's College of Education will host an informational session Thursday, March 14 on the new routes available to become a certified educator in Kentucky. The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Perkins Building.

Thanks to new alternative routes to certification, it's much easier today to change career directions. Because the new alternative routes come at a time of acute educator shortages in some subject areas and uncertain economic times, many professionals are deciding to make mid-life career changes.

At the March 14 meeting, University and Education Professional Standards Board officials will discuss educational options, admission requirements, financial assistance and the required examinations. Also planned are breakout sessions related to various subject areas. Refreshments will be available. Blanchard at 622-1478 or Commission member Jan Quigg at 622-1063.

#### **Baseball Action**

EKU vs. Cumberland College, 2:30 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

#### **Graduate Choral Recital**

David Stephenson, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

#### Thursday, March 14

#### Senior Vocal Recital

Rachel Barton, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Friday, March 15

#### **Contra Dancing**

7:30 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, Water and Lancaster, live band and dance "caller" will lead new and experienced contra dancers through simple, fun dances. Former dance experience and partner not required. Children ages 4-12 provided with music activities and safe child care. Reservations required for child care. Tickets \$10. Child care \$10 or \$15 for two children.

For more information, or to make reservations for the meeting, contact Kim Alexander at 622-8326 or

kim.alexander@eku.edu or Amy Harrison at 622-8327 or amy.harrison@eku.edu. More information also is available by following the Alternative Certification link at www.education.eku.edu/StudentServices.

#### HEAL Serves Students

The Alliance for Healthy Eating and Lifestyles (HEAL) has been formed to encourage the University student community to develop a healthy eating lifestyle through education, prevention, screening, consultation, intervention and referral source information. Referrals are

#### **Colonels Host Spartans**

EKU vs. Michigan State, baseball, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

#### Saturday, March 16

#### **Baseball Game**

EKU vs. Michigan State, baseball, 1 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

#### Sunday, March 17

#### **Baseball Homestand Continues**

EKU vs. Michigan State, baseball, 1 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

#### Saturday, March 23

#### Let's Play Two

EKU vs. Eastern Illinois, baseball doubleheader, noon, Turkey Hughes Field.

#### Sunday, March 24

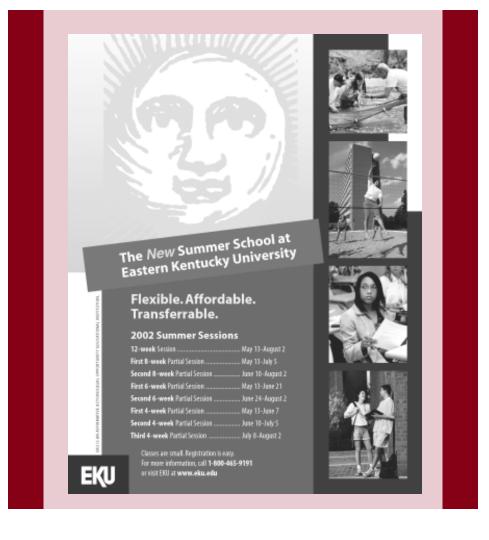
#### **Baseball Action**

EKU vs. Eastern Illinois, 1 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

accepted from faculty and staff who may have contact with a student who could benefit from the services. The members of the group are from various campus departments: Theresa Botts (Psychology), Lori Duncan (Athletics), Johnda Wireman (Athletics), Amy Green (Student Health Services), Paula May (Family & Consumer Sciences), Kathy Splinter-Watkins (Occupational Therapy), Kate Tuminski (Occupational Therapy), Melissa Cozart (Counseling Center) and Latisha Osborne (Graduate Student).

#### **Beal on Editorial Board**

Dr. Donald Beal, professor of psychology, has been named to the editorial board of the journal, Revista Mexicana de Psicologia.





## Student, Grad Named AmeriCorps Fellows

An EKU junior and May 2001 graduate are two of Kentucky's three AmeriCorps Promise Fellows.

Amber Jones, a junior middle school math/ science education major from London, and Kathryn Ackermann, an English writing graduate from Richmond, will devote a year to implementing the EKU Serves Program to enhance the capacity of schools, community and faith-based organizations, higher education institutions and communities to deliver the five promises of America's Promise to youth. Those promises are ongoing relationships with caring adults and mentors, safe places and structured activities, healthy starts for a healthy future, marketable skills through effective education, and opportunities to serve.

Eastern was the first post-secondary institution in Kentucky and only the 11th in the nation to qualify as a University of Promise.

Jones, a 1999 graduate of North Laurel High School and the daughter of Marty and Vickie Jones of London, has been actively involved with AmeriCorps at EKU since 1999, serving as an office volunteer and as a member of the America's Promise Summit Roundtable when the



Jones, Ackermann

statewide event was held at Eastern in 2000. Last year, she became the only Kentuckian and one of only 15 nationally named to the inaugural America's Promise Youth Partnership Team.

The former Miss Kentucky finalist also is implementing the Cultural Bridges Program, in which EKU international students speak to K-12 students about their native cultures and customs. and the Mortar Board Serves program, which

involves presenting Dr. Seuss programs in schools around the region.

"America's Promise is about taking existing programs and setting them up to have more impact in the community," Jones said. "When you can get people together, that's when good things start happening."

Ackermann, daughter of Kurt and Donna Ackermann and a 1998 graduate of Madison Central High School, spends much of her time with the University's Student Success Institute mentoring program and is implementing a campus-wide service learning project, "Read for the Roses," in which she involves a broad cross section of EKU students in a program that will teach K-12 students the history, culture and customs unique to Kentucky and the Derby. She also is working on an EKU Dance Theatre presentation for K-12 students throughout central and southeastern Kentucky and with retired EKU psychology professor Dr. Richard Shuntich on an after-school tutoring program for Madison Middle students.

"The more I learned about AmeriCorps, the more excited I became about coming up with projects and implementing them in the community," Ackermann said.

**Bingham to Speak** at Skills Conference

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**EKU graduate Rodger** Bingham, better known to "Survivor" viewers as "Kentucky Joe," will be the featured speaker at the sixth annual Professional Skills Conference, sponsored by the University's College of Business and Technology.

The March 29 event will begin with registration at 8 a.m. in Brock Auditorium.



Bingham, a businessman-farmer-teacher from Grant County, will speak at 8:40 a.m.

His talk will be followed by a studentmoderated panel discussion during which executives will discuss "Surviving the

Bingham

Job Interview Process." At 10:50 a.m., a team from Work Defined, Cincinnati, will discuss workplace expectations for attire.

A noon luncheon for graduating seniors will be held in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. Bingham, who earned degrees from EKU in 1969 and 1970, will be one of six to receive departmental alumni awards.

Students who are enrolled in College of Business & Technology 300- and/or 400-level courses are required to attend the Conference. The registration fee is \$5 and must be paid in advance in Combs 313.

Balcony-seating tickets for the morning session in Brock Auditorium also are available to the public at \$5 and may be obtained by calling 622-1574 in advance.

For more information about the event, call 622-1574 or visit www.cbt.eku.edu/ SkillsConference.

## **Regional Receptions Planned This Spring**

Representatives from each of the University's five academic colleges and various other campus offices soon will be headed west ... and north ... and east ... and south.

Four regional receptions are scheduled in March and April to allow prospective students and their families from central and southeastern Kentucky to learn more about educational opportunities at EKU.

Prospective students, including high school and community college students and nontraditional students, and their families are invited to one of four receptions: March 14, Kentucky History Center, Frankfort, 6-8 p.m.; March 28, Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg, 6-8 p.m.; April 9, Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown, 6-8 p.m.; and April 23, EKU's Tri-

County Center, Corbin, 5-7 p.m. Along with representatives from each of the University's five academic colleges, representatives from Admissions, Student Success Institute, Academic Advising, Financial Assistance, Scholarships, Housing, ROTC and Athletics also will attend. President Joanne Glasser plans to attend three of the events.

The University held its first of two Spring Spotlight Days March 2. A second one is scheduled for Saturday, April 13.

"We take seriously our responsibility to provide information about educational opportunities at Eastern," said Admissions Director Stephen Byrn. "At the same time, we realize that often it's difficult for students and their families to travel to the Richmond campus, so this series of regional receptions is designed to provide the information, encouragement and support that students need to take that next important step in their lives.'

## **New Archivist Brings Varied Experience to Position**

Chuck Hill, who recently joined EKU as University Archivist, brings to his new position 15 years of experience as archivist and curator for a variety of organizations, including state historical societies, art museums, and the Lakota Archives

and Historical Research Center. "I'm looking forward to working with the entire campus community on the issues relating to records management and collecting policies in general," Hill said. "We have a mandate for our service region and one of the things I'll be doing is looking at areas we need to cover and growing our collection in those areas."

The Springfield, Ill. native started setting priorities for processing the EKU collection by temporarily suspending reference and research services in Archives on Wednesdays. Reading Room materials are still available Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and patrons can leave messages with their inquiries, which will be



returned on Thursdays.

Hill explained that having one day set aside without research responsibilities serves a twofold purpose for the staff.

"Recent changes in the state requirements for retention of archival materials has played a role," he noted. "We are literally going through every box in the Archives to decide if it is a priority.

"The previous archivist had been here for many years and was much more familiar with the collection than I am as a newcomer. As a longtime colleague, he also had a much closer working relationship with the Archives staff," he continued. "Having a single day each week to

concentrate on developing those relationships is very important."

The staff also will have an intensive period of time to work together when Archives is closed May 13-31. University Archives is expected to return to its regular full schedule during the summer.

Hill, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of Illinois at Springfield, has been curator of photographs with the San Diego Historical Society and, most recently, archivist for the Missouri Historical Society.

## **Faculty Can Lunch Together**

The Faculty Dining Room, located on the top floor of the Powell Building, is now open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., allowing faculty and staff to meet with colleagues in a relaxed, quiet atmosphere.

Faculty and staff can purchase sandwiches and salads a la carte, bring "brown bag" lunch or choose the Fresh Food Company with six "allyou-can-eat" stations, also located on the top floor.

The Faculty Dining Room menu includes sandwiches from Blimpie Subs and salads and wraps from Chick-fil-A, with prices ranging from \$2.89 to \$3.69. All-you-can-eat stations include the Kentucky Kitchen, which serves traditional entrée favorites; Bluegrass Grill, offering a variety of grilled items; Derby Deli, traditional deli items with paninis and wraps; Café Roma, Italian cuisine with fresh pizza and pasta



dishes; Accents, Asian, Latin and Mediterranean specialties, and Fresh Produce Market, offering homemade soups and salads.

"Frequency Cards" are available to all faculty and staff - offering a free lunch after every 10 paid lunches. Also, individuals using Flex Dollars or the Colonel Card receive \$1 off the cash price of a meal at The Fresh Food Company and, with the use of Flex Dollars or the Colonel Card, no tax is charged.

### **Eastern Family Portrait**



## Name: Peggy McGuire

#### **Current Position at EKU:**

Assistant Professor for the College of Education.

#### Job Description:

Primarily, I supervise health and physical education student teachers. I also teach a secondary class and a few graduate courses, as well as coach Model's boys' tennis team. Additionally, I serve as the secondary coordinator.

How long have you been in this position? This is my fifth year.

### If you weren't doing this job, what would you like to be doing?

I'd most likely be teaching physical education in a public school.

#### What did you do before coming to EKU?

I went to graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University. Prior to that I worked at a tennis facility in Fort Walton Beach.

#### Tell me about your family.

There's my mother, Shirley, and my two sisters, Emily and Janet. I also have four nephews and a niece.

#### What are your interests and hobbies?

I like to play tennis as well as golf. I also enjoy walking and reading and being in the outdoors.

### What is your favorite food?

Mexican food!

#### What is your favorite vacation spot?

Most years I go home to Texas to see my mom and family. Those visits with them are the most memorable.

### **Publications & Presentations**

**Combs, Dorie**, and **Wilder, Melinda**. "Practicing What We Preach: Teaming in Undergraduate Middle Level Methods," Southeast Regional Association of Teacher Educators Conference, October 2001, presented

### Publications Submissions Procedures

Two copies of publications and presentations by faculty and staff, including appropriate creative activities should be sent to University Archives, Library 126.

A citation for each item will be prepared by Archives staff for inclusion in *EKUpdate*.

One copy of the presentation or publication/creative activity will be placed in the University Archives and the other copy will be used for displays of faculty and staff work in the Library and outside the Provost's Office. In cases where a faculty or staff member would experience considerable personal expense in providing two copies of their work, the Office of the Provost will provide reimbursement if requested in advance.

Papers also can be sent by e-mail to debbie.whalen@eku.edu. For more information, call 622-1792.



#### What is your favorite TV show?

I really like "Law and Order" and recently I've been into "Larry King Live." Since Sept.  $11^{\rm th}$  I've become much more interested in news shows.

What is in your CD or tape player at home right now? Right now I have the newest Brooks and Dunn CD in there, but I also listen to a lot of contemporary jazz.

#### What book would you recommend to others?

Recently I talked to some of the faculty members I eat lunch with about the movie "A Beautiful Mind." It sounded so intriguing that I bought the book by Sylvia Nasar. I'm not through with the book yet; however, I am enjoying it so far.

#### Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?

It happened when I was in the service at my new base in Texas. I was sleeping on bunk beds for the first time in my life. That morning when I went to turn off the alarm clock, I fell off the top bunk and hurt my foot. I had to go to the drill sergeant for

permission to report to sick call and he gave me a very hard time about it.

#### Can you recall the proudest moment of your life?

The summers with my niece and my nephews. I enjoy witnessing them become accomplished adults.

#### What person do you admire most?

There is no single person; all the students I have the opportunity to work with have my admiration. They all have such desire to become teachers, just for the opportunity to make a difference. Knowing that many of these students do not go into this profession for the financial reward truly makes me admire them

#### What makes you happy?

Playing tennis and working with the Model tennis team. I've played throughout my life and the people that I've met have influenced me greatly. Now through working with the Model team I have the opportunity to give back to the sport.

#### One thing no one ever knew about you, until now is?

I once worked for a carpenter and now I do a lot of my own carpentry work.

#### Who or what has influenced you the most?

My mother. She delighted in our accomplishments, but she never pushed us.

### If your secret ambition/fantasy came true, what would you be?

I'm more of a realist than a dreamer, but if I had any secret fantasy, I guess it would be to play at center court at Wimbledon.

#### Your favorite childhood memory is?

Playing football in the street with some of the boys from my neighborhood.

in Acceptance of the Innovative Program Award. **Combs, Dorie**, and **Wilder, Melinda**. "What's Your Disposition?: Getting Ready for the Next Round of NCATE," National Middle School Association Conference, November 2001.

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**Major, Wayne F.** "The Benefits and Costs of Serious Running," World Leisure, Vol. 43, No. 2 (2001), pgs. 12-25.

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**WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?** – Jamie Thompson of Pineville was among Mortar Board members who presented programs at five Madison County schools Feb. 25-28 in recognition of the March 2 birthday of Dr. Seuss.