

# Teacher Preparation News

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*If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, email [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu) by 12:00 noon on the **Wednesday** prior to the publication date to have it included in the next newsletter. \*\*\*Some newsletter hyperlinks are not compatible with iPad\*\*\* Follow this link for past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.*

## Thursday, May 7: Zoom SMSTA Professional Development Meeting Tonight

SMSTA (Southeast Missouri Student Teachers Association) will host its first Zoom PD meeting on Thursday, May 7 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (an email will be sent with code). **This meeting is OPEN TO ALL, BUT EMAIL [rbohannon@semo.edu](mailto:rbohannon@semo.edu) to be sent the ZOOM code to join.**

Agenda for the meeting:

1. WELCOME TO OUR FIRST ON-LINE PD! (SMSTA members may earn 2 pts. for this.)
2. Norms for attending a ZOOM PD including:
  - a. How to be an Interactive Member during the Presentations
3. OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION AWARD 2020
4. Introduction of Speakers:
  - a. Leigh Ragsdale, Jefferson Elementary Principal, Cape Girardeau, MO
  - b. Helen Nichols, Special Education Teacher, Grades 6-8, Bayless, Afton, MO
  - c. Ashley Gettinger, Kindergarten, Bloomsdale Elementary, St. Genevieve, MO
  - d. Molly Oiler, Grade 5, Hillsboro, MO
5. Q and A
6. Graduation cords, stoles, etc. UPDATE: May 18, if campus opens to faculty
7. Adjournment
8. STAY SAFE and HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME!

## Thursday, May 14: Last Teacher Preparation Newsletter for Spring Semester

The last newsletter for the spring semester will be published during Finals Week on Thursday, May 14. We will publish only one newsletter in each of the months of June and July. Submission requests for the summer issues are due by the Wednesday prior to the publication date. Look for those in the second week of each month. Should anything urgent come up during that period of time, special announcements will be made.

## Did you Receive an Email Regarding Grades?

Be sure to check your email for the Education Majors Guidelines for S/U and Incomplete grades in the Spring 2020 Semester that was sent on May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive it, contact Sherry Holder in the Educator Preparation Office, [sholder@semo.edu](mailto:sholder@semo.edu).

## Updated MoCA Testing Information

The Pearson testing company is working to open all testing centers as soon as possible, with social distancing and other safety measures. Pearson will first open their own testing centers and then work with partner sites, such as Southeast MO State, to open those testing centers. Watch the [MEGA test website](#) registration information for open testing dates and centers.

The following revised or new MoCA exams will be released on January 11, 2021:

- Elementary Education 1-6
- Biology 9-12
- Chemistry 9-12
- Physics 9-12
- Earth Science 9-12
- Reading Specialist K-12 (New Assessment)
- School Leaders (New Assessment)

## **Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Spring 2021 Semester?**

If so, applications will open **May 11, 2020**. The deadline to apply is **September 7, 2020**.

Complete the online application by following the instructions found here:

<https://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/studentteach/apply.html>. Every student eligible for student teaching should already be in the system. To log-in, you will need to click on "Forgot your Password?" to receive an email to reset your password. Once you reset your password and log back into the system, click on the "Student Teaching" drop down box on the left side of the screen. Then click on "Application" to apply.

Please be aware that the deadline to apply for your substitute certificate to receive it in enough time to submit it with your application, is **July 27, 2020**. Follow this link to apply for your substitute certificate: <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/checklist-substitute-teachers> .

Also, know that you will be required to pass all sections of the Missouri Content Assessment (MoCA) exam prior to student teaching. Some students in the past were not able to student teach, because they waited too late to take the exam. Start taking the MoCA now so you meet the **December 1, 2020** deadline!!! Follow this link to register for the MoCA exams: [http://www.mo.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML\\_FRAG/GENRB\\_TestDatesAndSites.html](http://www.mo.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_TestDatesAndSites.html).

If you have any questions or concerns about the student teaching application process, please contact the Candidate Status & Certification Officer, Alicia Lincoln at [aelincoln@semo.edu](mailto:aelincoln@semo.edu).

## **LMS Department Faculty Member Cwick to Retire**

Congratulations to Dr. Simin L. Cwick who will be retiring at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. Dr. Cwick served the Department of Leadership, Middle and Secondary Education at Southeast Missouri State University with distinction for 31 years. Dr. Simin Cwick has served as a professor of Middle and Secondary Education, as a member of the graduate faculty, and as an adjunct professor for the joint doctoral program with the University of Missouri. Dr. Cwick served as the chairperson of the Department of Middle and

Secondary Education for 12 years. Dr Cwick has been a mentor to countless students and faculty and a great friend and colleague. She will be missed.

## **EESE Department Faculty Member Graham to Retire**

Congratulations to Ann Graham on her retirement from Southeast MO State University. Mrs. Graham has 12 years of experience in the Exceptional Child Education program at Southeast and has taught all our education majors throughout the years in her EX 390 Psychology and Education of Children with Exceptionalities course.

## **EDvolution Center Newsletter**

Click on this [link](#) for the EDvolution Center Newsletter.

## **EDvolution Center Tech Tips**

Have you been looking for a way to easily create interactive videos for your students? If so, Edpuzzle is what you are looking for!

[Edpuzzle Tutorial Video](#)

## **Student Teaching Placements**

Students who have been approved to student teach in the fall will be notified via email from Chalk and Wire regarding their placements. All placements made by May 1 were sent out that day. Another round of notifications will go out May 15. Hopefully, final notifications will be sent out by June 1, but that is dependent upon when the last placements are finalized. Students do not need to contact the placement office asking when their placement will be posted. We have no way of knowing when an individual placement will be made. That is dependent upon when the personnel at area schools are in contact with us.

## **Be Sure to Check for Video Messages**

Be sure to check out the ongoing video messages from your faculty and fellow education majors on the Educator Preparation Facebook page! You can find them at: <https://www.facebook.com/COESEMO>.

## **Do you Need Help with Educational Technology?**

From the EDvolution Center:

Dean Pujol asks that if you need help with educational technology, you contact the EDvolution Center staff before contacting CSTL or IT to help with the overwhelming number

of requests that CSTL and IT are receiving. Jana and Allan will do their best to help you! If they can't, they will help you determine who you need to contact for help. Both Jana and Allan can be reached by emailing [jgerard@semo.edu](mailto:jgerard@semo.edu). If you feel that you need "face-to-face" help, they can set up a Zoom meeting with you. Jana's hours are 8-5 (lunch from 12-1) and Allan's hours are 10-1, M-F. Below are some resources you may find useful:

[Remote Teaching Resources](#)  
[Podcasting with GarageBand on an iPad](#)  
[Screencasting with Screencast-o-matic](#)  
[Using the free version of Zoom](#)  
[Using the Pro version of Zoom \(for faculty\)](#)  
[Apple Professional Coaching \(for faculty\)](#)

## **Tuesday, August 4: Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference – Registration is Open!**

The Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Illinois. Come enjoy professional development featuring a keynote presentation and multiple breakout sessions options. Topics will include current and relevant topics in literacy and education. Register today at the following [link](#)! If you have questions or need more information, contact SIRC President Michelle Mohr at 618-521-0891 or [mmohr@steeleville138.org](mailto:mmohr@steeleville138.org).

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

Please view the following link <https://semo.edu/education-health/scholarships.html> for a list of scholarship opportunities.

## **Employment and Summer Camp Opportunities**

When the Office of Educator Preparation receives notice of summer camp openings, those are listed here: <http://semo.edu/education-health/jobs/index.html>. New full-time positions are now posted at [REDHAWKjobs.com](http://REDHAWKjobs.com).