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FACULTY/STAFF SPOTLIGHT: DR. HELEN MALONE

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Dr. Helen Malone is an associate professor in special education and currently oversees the BSEd programs in mild/moderate, moderate/intensive, and early childhood special education. Students in the special education program are trained to teach students with disabilities across age and disability spectrums. Intervention Specialist candidates participate in extensive field experiences in elementary and secondary schools in the Columbus Metropolitan area, resulting in 180 hours of classroom experience prior to student teaching.

Use of Data in Special Education
Dr. Malone states, "Data from the review of the edTPA assessments indicated that our candidates needed strengthening in the area of analytical and reflective writing. A review of our program allowed us to identify areas where we could provide additional practice in this area. Across the curriculum, we added additional assignments to provide additional writing opportunities to practice reflecting on and analyzing their performance and that of their P-12 learners while accessing the curriculum."

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COUNTDOWN TO NCATE VISIT
Are you prepared for the April 2015 NCATE visit? Here is a tip to get you thinking about how your department can prepare for the visit.
Tip # 9: Can you describe how you have used candidate data to make programmatic changes

UCAT SEED GRANT SUPERVISOR TRAINING
The Office of Educator Preparation has received funding to provide training for University supervisors. Training sessions will guide supervisors through the process of using the Unit Evaluation forms for student teaching. This is also a great opportunity for supervisors to network with supervisors from other programs. Please encourage your supervisors to attend the Spring Campus training on January 23 from 10-3 p.m.

Trainings for regional campuses will be coordinated with the regional faculty soon. Location will be Ramseyer 329, and food will be provided for attendees. Please RSVP to Kristall Day by January 1, 2015 if you plan to attend.

SPRING 2015 OCTEO CONFERENCE
The Spring 2015 Ohio Confederation of Teacher Education Organizations (OCTEO) conference will be held March 4-6, 2015, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin, Ohio. The preliminary program and schedule are available on the OCTEO WEBSITE. Let your Graduate Students and Doctoral Candidates know that they have a new venue to showcase their thesis or dissertation work.

Call for Proposals (Breakout Presentations), Call for Roundtables, and Call for Research Roundtables are available on their website. Download and print these now, as the deadline is January 26. Don't wait until after the winter break to get started!

OAE UPDATE
Most OAE test results are posted within four to six weeks. These specialty test results are posted every eight weeks: Educational Leadership, and Reading (Subtests I & II). Please help your students plan accordingly.

UTEC Ad Hoc Fees Committee
Possible program fees for initial licensure students are being examined by the UTEC Ad hoc Fees Committee. Embedding fees students already pay (Tk20, edTPA, OAE, etc.) into a program fee enables students to use financial aid. For more information, please attend the Program Fee Information and Feedback Forum. All Faculty, staff and advisors are welcome to attend.

Dates of Forums
Face-to-face meeting for faculty, advisors, and program managers:
Wednesday, **January 14, 1-2 pm** in Ramseyer 260 (College Commons)

Carmen Connect: **Friday, January 16, 2 pm**

For students: TBA, mid to late January

NEW Education Licensure Renewal Pathway
Would you need to renew your Ohio P-12 education license(s)? The Office of Educator Preparation is seeking members for a new Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC). This committee will create a process to review Individual Professional Development Plans, award CEUs, and support faculty, lecturers, and staff who are in the process of renewing their licenses. Please contact Erica Brownstein or Kristall Day if you are interested in serving on this committee.

edTPA UPDATES
Autumn Semester edTPA Submissions
Thank you to Program Managers, Faculty, and Candidates for a successful semester with edTPA submissions! We had nearly 60 submissions in Early Childhood Ed., Music Ed., Middle Childhood Ed., Physical Ed., Secondary Social Studies Ed., and Special Ed. on the Columbus, Mansfield, Marion, and Newark campuses. Received scores are in your program Buckeye Box Folder.

edTPA Spring Semester Forums
Forums for edTPA will be:

- Wednesday, January 28th from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in Ramseyer 309

- Friday, January 30th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. via Carmen Connect

- Wednesday, March 25th from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. location TBD

- Friday, March 27th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. via Carmen Connect

Please send at least one representative from each program. Graduate students are also welcome to attend. Carmen Connect meeting link: http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/edtpaforum/. Help for Carmen Connect is http://resourcecenter.odee.osu.edu/carmenconnect/.

Preparation for Next Semester
Kristall Day sent edTPA information to Cooperating Teachers and Student Teachers this week. Cooperating Teachers received a link to the edTPA Orientation video and a handout for cooperation teachers that describes edTPA and guidelines for support. Candidates received the Tk20 Guides for edTPA and registration instructions.

edTPA Resources
Writing Supports: Updated versions of the edTPA writing supports, now called "Thinking Organizers", are in your program Buckeye Box. These help candidates unpackage prompts to ensure all components are addressed. Full narratives are still required for submission.

Tips and Tools for the Process: Nancy Casey-Cuniff of St. Bonaventure University shared her "Tips and Tools for the Process" at the National edTPA Implementation Conference. This resource is located in the OSU edTPA Group Buckeye Box folder. If would like ideas on how to use these resources, please contact Kristall Day.

edTPA Terminology
Syntax: The set of conventions for organizing symbols, words, and phrases together into structures (e.g., sentences, graphs, tables).

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