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### FACULTY/STAFF SPOTLIGHT: TAMI AUGUSTINE



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Dr. Tami Augustine is a Clinical Assistant Professor with specialties in middle childhood education and social studies education in the Department of Teaching and Learning on the Columbus campus. She prepares teacher candidates to be open-minded and to share a sense of purpose in an interconnected global society. Grounding social studies teacher education in the theoretical framework of spirituality deepens interconnectedness and enables creation of a student-centered classroom to effectively teach about the complexities of living in global communities. Through the use of online discussions and technology, Dr. Augustine provides students a chance to critically reflect on class materials and discussion, and to build classroom community, making learning a collaborative experience.

#### Use of Data in Middle Childhood Education

Data analysis from the national scoring of edTPA revealed that Middle Childhood Education students performed well on this assessment. Specific strengths included lesson planning, creating a respectful and challenging classroom environment, and reflecting on teaching practice to improve student learning. Patterns in the data indicate that analyzing student use of academic language is an area for improvement across all four content areas. To address this area, a workshop on academic language was added to Fall coursework; ways to analyze the use of academic language was added to seminar assignments; and additional support materials for academic language were created and used in assignments during the Fall semester. These changes provide further instruction and guided practice to improve in the area of academic language.

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### COUNTDOWN TO NCATE LEGACY 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 # 7: Standard 1: Candidate knowledge, skills and dispositions

Do you know the Key Assessments used in your program?

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### NEW! BACKGROUND CHECK CHANGES FOR COLUMBUS CAMPUS STUDENTS

Effective January 1, 2015, background checks for the Columbus campus will be stored and processed at the Office of Human Resources (HR), 1590 N. High St., Suite 300. Additionally,

- Students that completed background checks after January 1, 2015 must request copies of BCI&I and FBI background checks from HR

- Only electronic versions directly from BCI&I and FBI will be accepted.
- Fingerprinting codes must be:  
BCI&I: 3319.39B3 (School Employees - Teachers Only)  
FBI: 3319.39 (Public Schools)

We recommend students complete background checks at OHR to simplify the process. Background checks not completed on campus must be directly mailed from BCI&I to Gina Thorpe, EHE, 1590 N. High St. Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43201. Full updates have been sent to program leaders.

## **TWO NEW CARMEN SITES LAUNCHED**

The Office of Educator Preparation is launching two new Carmen sites in response to feedback from the recent communication survey. Both Buckeye Box and Carmen will contain resources. All student data will remain in the Buckeye Box due to its secure location, where only lead faculty/ staff have access. We have updated a previous Carmen course, "EHE Teacher Education." We added a site designed for student teachers with information specifically for them. If you have ideas for additional items to include or would like to be added to the course, please let us know ([EdPrep@osu.edu](mailto:EdPrep@osu.edu)).

## **DATA REMINDER**

Has your program recently discussed data from the 2014 fall term? Does your program have edTPA results? Program key assessment results? Ohio Assessments for Educator test results? If not, ask your program faculty lead to share at your next faculty meeting!

## **OAE TESTS UPDATE**

While most OAE tests are given throughout the year, some Ohio Assessments for Educators tests are only give during certain windows (about every other month). These tests include: Computer/Technology (Subtests I & II), School Psychologist, Special Education Specialist: Visually Impaired, and Technology Education (Subtests I & II). Please help your students plan accordingly.

## **BUCKEYE BOX UPDATES**

Would you like to be notified if forms or data is added to the Buckeye Box? You can change your settings in the Buckeye Box, in the upper right corner, with your name, account settings, and notifications. You decide when you'd like to be notified!

## **edTPA UPDATES**

### **edTPA and Ed Prep Update Spring Semester Forums**

Forums will include general Ed Prep updates as well as professional development for the edTPA. Dates are:

- 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 welcome to attend. Carmen Connect meeting link: <http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/edtpaforum/>. Help for Carmen Connect is <http://resourcecenter.odee.osu.edu/carmenconnect/>.

### **“Tools for the Process: Helping Candidates Help Themselves”**

The next few months of *Ed Prep Express* will contain tips for candidates, presented by Nancy Cunniff Casey from St. Bonaventure University at the 2014 National edTPA Implementation Conference. Please share these with your students.

#### **Tip #1: General Tips & Getting Started**

Just Answer the Prompt! READ the prompt. Re-write the prompt so that you understand it fully. There are lots of ANDs and ORs. The edTPA prompts are written in complex sentences. Break each prompt into phrases. Answer each piece with a paragraph. Just answer the questions.

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