

Report of the Research, Development, and Equipment Committee - Revised

Samuel L. Odom, Chairperson

For the 2001-2002 academic year, the members of the Research, Development and Equipment Committee were, Deborah Carter, Don Cunningham, Lara Lackey, Mary McMullen, Kim Metcalf, Keith Morran, Sam Odom, Russell Skiba, Anne Stright, and Rebecca McGraw (student representative). As Associate Dean for Research and Development, Cathy Brown also attended all meetings. The primary business of this committee has been to review applications for the Proffitt and Kempf research grants (there were two competitions). Also, committee members reviewed and awarded the Proffitt summer faculty fellowships. Last, the committee reviewed five lengthy, but high quality dissertations (one over 600 pages) and awarded the School of Education Proffitt Outstanding Dissertation Award. Grant, summer fellowship, and dissertation award recipients are listed at the end of this report. A responsibility of the committee is to advise the Associate Dean about policy issues related to research, the Human Subjects review process, and equipment. This year there have not been major issues that required the committee's deliberations.

Proffitt Summer Faculty Fellowships 2002 [4 applications – 4 awards]

Name: Ginette Delandshere
Title: Developing a Typology of Assessment Systems
Award: \$10,000

Name: Mary McMullen
Title: Differences, Commonalities and Universalities in Early Childhood Education in the U.S., Taiwan, Korea and Turkey
Award: \$10,000

Name: Anastasia Morrone
Title: Motivating Experiences in a Mathematics Course for Preservice Teachers
Award: \$10,000

Name: Chalmer Thompson
Title: A Study of the Change Process of Heritage Project Teachers
Award: \$10,000

Proffitt Outstanding Dissertation Award Winners 2000-2001 [5 dissertations – 1 outstanding; 1 meritorious]

Name: David Setran (Outstanding)
Title: Character Education and the Kingdom of God: Liberal Progressivism and the Search for a Modern Morality, 1917-1940
Department/Director: Educational Leadership & Policy Studies/Ed McClellan
Award: \$1,000; certificate; and plate on plaque outside of Dean's Office

Name: Jeng-Yi Tzeng
Title: Comparing Teachers' and Parents' Mental Models for Teaching Hearing-Impaired Children to Speak
Department/Director: IST/Tom Schwen
Award: \$500 and certificate

Proffitt Fall 2001 Competition [11 proposals submitted – 10 awards (4 were supplementals*)]

Name: Valerie Akerson/Deborah Hanuscin
Title: Learning Science by Inquiry: An Elementary Teacher Enhancement Project
Award: \$30,000

Name: Joyce Alexander
Title: The Enabling of Childhood Expertise: Knowledge or Strategies
Award: \$9,243*

Name: Amy Flint/Mitzi Lewison
Title: Disrupting the Commonplace: Elementary Teachers Researching Critical Literacy
Award: \$40,000

Name: William Harwood
Title: Inquiry in Action: Following a Paradigm Shift in Science Instruction
Award: \$37,767

Name: Martha McCarthy
Title: Teachers' Knowledge of and Attitude Toward the Law: A Four-State Study
Award: \$30,055

Name: Mary McMullen
Title: Differences, Commonalities and Universalities in Early Childhood Education in the U.S., and Three Non-Western Democratic Nations
Award: \$40,000

Name: Theresa Ochoa
Title: Improving the Educational Outcomes for Students With Disabilities and Diverse Learning and Behavioral Characteristics Through Research in Teacher Preparation
Award: \$40,000

Name: Joanne Peng
Title: Comparison of Four Methods for Handling Missing Data in Educational Research
Award: \$2,650*

Name: Chalmer Thomposn

Title: Bettering the Lives of All Children: A Case Study of Social Action and Racial Awakening

Award: \$2,374*

Name: Susan Whiston

Title: Continued Development of the School Counseling Program Evaluation Survey (ScoPES) – High Form

Award: \$5,886*

Proffitt Spring 2002 Competition [7 proposals under review, a decision will be made on April 23]