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THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

January, 2024 Newsletter

From the Dean

Dear colleagues,

Last week we wrapped up [MLK week at the U](#), when our campus community was full of opportunities to serve, learn, and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One highlight was a [care-kit assembly service project for Canyons School District](#), where many of our alumni currently teach.

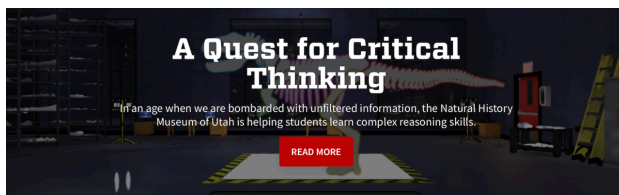
Speaking of service, please begin planning for our College of Education Food Drive in partnership with the FeedU Pantry. **Donations will be accepted the week of January 29 - February 2**; a bin will be placed at the south entrance of the SAEC on the afternoon of January 26.

Thank you for all you do and warmest regards,

Frankie Santos Laanan



The Short of It



[Kirsten Butcher](#), Associate Dean and director of the [Instructional Design and Educational Technology Program](#), was interviewed for the U Magazine piece [“A Quest for](#)

[Anne Cook's](#) doctoral student Sam Dutton was selected as a fellow in a new [Data Science Training Program at the University of Washington](#). Dutton is currently a Ph.D.

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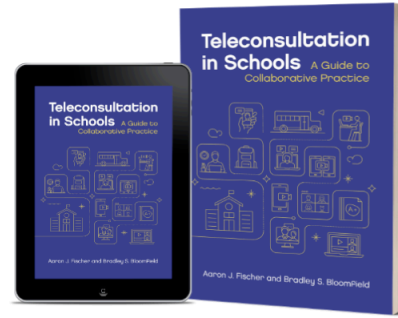
[Critical Thinking,](#)” featured last month on the University's homepage banner.

candidate in the Learning and Cognition Program in the Educational Psychology Department.

[Aaron Fischer](#) has released a new book, [Teleconsultation in Schools: A Guide to Collaborative Practice](#). This practical guide to teleconsulting for school psychology professionals demonstrates how rapid advances in the field can help them expand support for educators, administrators, students, and their families by providing online access to consulting services.

Just Published

This book provides the first comprehensive introduction to how school psychology professionals can provide effective and culturally-sensitive teleconsultation.



Please submit your feature ideas for the e-newsletter.

The Long of It

David Stroupe's New Book Garners AACTE Honor



The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, or [AACTE](#), has named University of Utah education professor [David Stroupe](#) its 2024 recipient of the Gloria J. Ladson-Billings Outstanding Book Award for his groundbreaking “[Growing and Sustaining Student-Centered Science Classrooms](#).”

His research focuses on innovative and inclusive teaching methods. He advocates for transforming classrooms into dynamic science practice communities, leveraging insights from Science, Technology and Society (STS), as well as the History and Philosophy of Science (HPS), to explore how power dynamics, knowledge sharing and agency can address issues of epistemic injustice. [Read more.](#)

NSF Grant Funds Lynne Zummo's NHMU Research

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded Lynne Zummo, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology, an Advancing Informal STEM Learning Program (AISL) grant to study learning around climate change at the landmark [Natural History Museum of Utah exhibit "A Climate of Hope,"](#) along with Co-PI and NHMU Exhibit Developer Lisa Thompson. Zummo holds a joint appointment at NHMU as the Curator of Learning Sciences.

Zummo's project is titled "A Climate of Hope: Investigating learning at an innovative exhibit towards new knowledge, theory, and practice of climate change learning with diverse audiences." [Read more.](#)

Submit a long-form story idea for the e-newsletter.

Faculty Voices

[Jarell T. Johnson](#) published "[Illuminating the Opportunities and Challenges of Institutionalizing Queer and Trans* Student Inclusion Efforts at Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#)" in collaboration with Adrien M. Barrios and Taylor R. Johnson, two of our M.Ed. graduate students.

CoE in the News

Kathy Cristy, a graduate of our Education, Culture & Society doctoral program and Salt Lake City School District administrator, and Frances Battle, [honorary U of U doctorate recipient](#) and principal of Nibley Park Middle School, were honored at a gala last Saturday and featured in a recent KSL piece:

["University of Utah to Honor Those Who Have Helped Establish MLK Day Activities"](#)

Please share your publications, news coverage, presentations, or speaking engagements.

Call for USTEM Grant Applications

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Research and Practice Hub at The University of Utah

USTEM Hub's Collaborative Grant Award

The USTEM Hub Collaborative Grant seeks to stimulate new or emerging interdisciplinary partnerships among faculty at the University of Utah. These seed grants are designed to create opportunities for developing collaborative research initiatives that increase applications for external funding, publications, and visibility for STEM education research both within and beyond the campus community. We welcome applications that include community partnerships and connections to policy. Additionally, proposals involving professional learning will be considered, provided that such learning opportunities are integral components of a well-defined research project.

We define STEM as a field that brings together colleagues across disciplines in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, as well as colleagues who use a broad scope of lenses to examine disciplines (such as historians, philosophers, sociologists, and anthropologists). For this collaborative grant, we seek proposals examining challenges and opportunities around STEM education. Therefore, we highly encourage applications featuring colleagues whose expertise includes the design and examination of STEM learning opportunities. We can also facilitate conversations between colleagues who are interested in creating new partnerships to apply for the grant.

Three projects will be funded in the range of \$15,000-18,000. Eligible expenses include course releases, support for graduate or undergraduate assistants, participant support costs, or other expenses that clearly promote outcomes from a new or emerging interdisciplinary collaboration. Funds may not be used to purchase advanced technical equipment used for daily STEM work. Still, funds could be used for technology needed for data collection (such as video or audio recording devices).

To be eligible to apply, interdisciplinary teams must:

- Consist of one or more University of Utah STEM, STEM Education, and/or health sciences faculty or faculty with expertise in STEM education.
- Include faculty members from a department or college, and/or stakeholders from a community-based organization (such as K-12 schools, informal STEM spaces, and policy arenas) distinct from the one to which the primary STEM, STEM Education, and/or health sciences faculty are affiliated.
- Have been formed recently (within the last year) and/or be working on a new topic of investigation.
- Actively pursue external funding as part of the project scope.
- Spend all funds by June 1, 2026.

The grant may not be used to extend existing grants or established research programs.

Deadline for applications: Friday, March 1, 2024
Awards will be announced on Friday, April 5, 2024

The USTEM Hub is very pleased to announce the launch of the seed grant program.

Applications are due by **March 1, 2024** to david.stroupe@utah.edu.

*Informational Zoom Meeting:

February 2

11 a.m.

<https://utah.zoom.us/j/5986658768>

Meeting ID: 598 665 8768

Passcode: 993209

*The session will be recorded for those unable to attend.

Successful Faculty Project Support

<p>SPONSOR: SALT LAKE CITY (ARPA) COMMUNITY GRANT PI: AARON FISCHER CO PI: CHAT ILLAPPERUMA</p> <p>\$100,000</p> <p>EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT ACROSS TEN SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TITLE I ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS</p>	<p>SPONSOR: HMH-WATKINS FOUNDATION PI: AARON FISCHER CO PI: CHAT ILLAPPERUMA</p> <p>\$65,000</p> <p>RURAL MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION</p>	<p>SPONSOR: UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA/SCHMIDT FOUNDATION PI: CHENGLU LI CO PI: CHAT ILLAPPERUMA</p> <p>\$200,000*</p> <p>PROJECT LEVI - LEARNING ENGINEERING VIRTUAL INSTITUTE *1ST YEAR OF A 4-YEAR PROJECT</p>	<p>SPONSOR: USDDE/DESE PI: KETH RABLEY CO PI: AARON FISCHER</p> <p>\$1,165,585*</p> <p>IMPLEMENTING A CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES *2ND YEAR FUNDING OF THE 5-YEAR TRAINING GRANT</p>
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SUMMARY OF SOURCES FOR SUCCESSFULLY FUNDED COE FACULTY PROJECTS: DEC 2023-JAN 2024

Happenings



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Thanks to all who joined us for December's Holiday Luncheon, and a special thanks to Tanner Dance for sharing their beautiful space.

Upcoming Events

FOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2

The FeedU Pantry is accepting donations, and the College of Education is excited to help! Aiming to minimize hunger in our community, the FeedU Pantry is a service open to all U of U students, faculty, and staff. By donating, you'll directly aid the 1,000+ U of U members and their families who use the Pantry during times of struggle.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://union.utah.edu/resources-spaces/feed-u-pantry/hours-about-us/>

ITEMS NEEDED

FOOD ITEMS:

- ▶ Ramen
- ▶ Spaghetti and Dry Pastas
- ▶ High-protein items (beans, chili, tuna, chicken, etc.)
- ▶ Canned tuna and chicken
- ▶ Canned Fruit
- ▶ Peanut Butter
- ▶ Cereal
- ▶ Rice
- ▶ Soda or Water (drink options)
- ▶ Snacks
- ▶ Granola Bars
- ▶ Coffee
- ▶ Bread
- ▶ Milk (shelf-stable)
- ▶ Oatmeal
- ▶ Spices
- ▶ Herbs

OTHER ITEMS:

- ▶ Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ▶ Soap
- ▶ Dishwashing detergent
- ▶ Hand sanitizer / wet tissues
- ▶ Reusable Bags
- ▶ Can Openers
- ▶ Dog Food
- ▶ Period Pads
- ▶ Condoms



COE + Feed U Pantry FOOD DRIVE

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Food items needed:

Ramen, Spaghetti and Dry Pastas, High-protein items (beans, chili, tuna, chicken, etc.), Canned tuna and chicken, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Rice, Soda or Water (drink options), Snacks, Granola Bars, Coffee, Bread, Milk (shelf-stable), Oatmeal, Spices, Herbs.

Other items needed:

Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Soap, Dishwashing detergent, Hand sanitizer / wet tissues, Reusable Bags, Can Openers, Dog Food, Period Pads, Condoms.

Faculty/Student Undergraduate Research Panel

Thursday, January 25

1 - 2 p.m.

The HUB, SAEC

The College of Education is committed to growing undergraduate research. This meeting is an opportunity for all attending faculty members to discuss projects where faculty and students work as research teams. The format is conversational and intended to encourage attendees to become more involved in undergraduate research.

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