



College of Education

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Pictured above, center: Tim Shriver and students from local school districts, as well as their families, who have participated in Special Olympics. Bottom left: Dean Laanan and the UNITE team. Bottom right (L-R): Tim Shriver, First Lady Abby Cox,

Dean Laanan, and Associate Dean Mary Burbank.

From the Dean

Dear hardworking staff and faculty,

Thank you to all who joined us for Dr. Tim Shriver's event last month. The title of his talk was "All the Walls You Cannot See: An Exploration of the Mental Health, Political, and Educational Implications of Our Crisis of Connection." As events on the global stage continue unfold and as we continue to feel their effects here on our home campus, I think again and again of the Shriver team's Dignity Index—the eight-point scale for measuring how people speak to each other when they disagree. For those of you who missed the event, you can [read more here](#).

And still, College of Education events and faculty activity continue to inspire me and deserve celebrating. Read on to learn of your colleagues' impactful work and don't forget to submit news of your own.

Warmest regards,

Frankie Santos Laanan
Dean



The Short of It



Through the Huntsman Cancer Institute, Professor Laurence Parker (center right) of Educational Leadership & Policy was invited to speak at the [3rd Utah Amyloidosis Symposium](#) dinner on the evening of October 20. He gave a brilliantly received speech titled "The Journey through Diagnosis and Treatment: From a Patient's



Dean Laanan and Associate Dean Mary Burbank spoke with [UITE Connect](#)'s new teachers at the top of their Oct. 26 meeting. U of U alum in their first three years of teaching had gathered to learn from one another and explore topics relevant to their new careers under the guidance of Professor Udit Gupta of UITE and U alum



Along with her colleague Lisa Thompson of the Natural History Museum of Utah, Professor Lynne Zummo was interviewed on Nov. 7 for [KPCW's "This Green Earth"](#) radio show. Zummo and Thompson discussed the museum's brand-new exhibition titled ["A Climate of Hope."](#) The

Perspective" in support of the symposium's goals to catalyze, advocate, and provide education that promotes change, development, and improvement for the early diagnosis and management of amyloidosis.

Kelly Haskerson, a Social Studies teacher at the Salt Lake Center for Science Education. UITE Connect teachers went home with College of Education swag, including bound journals, pizza cutters, and reusable storage sleeves.

permanent exhibition opened over the weekend (Nov. 11) and sets the stage for Utahns living amidst climate change to discover a path to rational hope and continuing to thrive in the state we call home. [Listen here.](#)



Professor Erin L. Castro, co-founder of the [Utah Prison Education Project](#) and its director, Dr. Andy Eisen, helped bring October's annular eclipse to 750 incarcerated people at the Utah State and Central Utah Correctional Facilities. With donations from NASA and Clark Planetarium, Castro and Eisen held a viewing party for students complete with eclipse glasses, moon pies, sun chips, and sandwiches. UPEP is now in its seventh year at the U.

Each semester, the [University of Utah Reading Clinic](#) in the College of Education (UURC) trains work-study students to be placed in SLC school district classrooms. With UURC's training and robust reading intervention model, these students give effective instruction to many struggling readers. This semester's second training was held at the Marriott Library. 60 students were trained by the UURC through the Bennion Center and in partnership with Utah Reads.

On Oct. 26, College of Education alum Dr. Bruce Eschler received the [Canyons District APEX Award for 2023 School Administrator of the Year](#). Eschler is the principal of Jordan High School and holds both an undergraduate and master's degree from the College. "I'm about relationships," Eschler says. "I'm here today because someone advocated for me." [Watch Eschler's award interview here.](#)



Submit a feature idea for the newsletter.

The Long of It

William A. Smith receives the Albert B. Fritz Civil Rights Worker of the Year Award



Professor William A. Smith received the 2023 Albert B. Fritz Civil Rights Worker of the Year Award on Friday, October 27, 2023, from the NAACP Salt Lake Branch Life Membership and Freedom Fund.

This prestigious award recognizes dedicated service to the community and humanity by an individual and is named for Albert B. Fritz, a civil rights leader and former president of the NAACP Salt Lake Chapter. [Read more.](#)

Submit a long-form story idea for the newsletter.

CoE In the News

"We Looked at Banned Books in Utah's Biggest

Professor Lauren Liang, who studies censorship and selection in literature for children and young adults, was interviewed

School Districts. What We Found Might Surprise You."

in an extensive article on banned books in the Salt Lake Tribune. [Read more.](#)

"A Quest for Critical Thinking"

Associate Dean Kirsten Butcher was featured for her work with the NHMU Research Quest team in the Fall, 2023 issue of University of Utah Magazine. [Read more.](#)

Share your news coverage, research, scholarship, presentations or speaking engagements.

Successful Faculty Project Support

<p>SPONSOR: USDOE/OSEP PI: Sarah Ivy CO PI: Chris Bischke</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$199,877</p> <p><small>TSDBOT-Preparing Special Education Teachers with Endorsement in Deaf blindness and Occupational Therapists Through an Interdisciplinary Program to Improve Services</small></p>	<p>SPONSOR: USDOE/OSEP PI: Matt Jameson</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">\$2,141,444</p> <p><small>SCIENCE-ESN will prepare individuals for doctoral candidates to develop and disseminate knowledge to improve outcomes for students with ESN through research, teaching, and service</small></p>	<p>SPONSOR: Intermountain Community Cares Fund PI: Aaron Fischer CO PI: Chat Illapperuma</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$297,000</p> <p><small>Provide Mental Health Services to Rural Utah (10 counties) with instruction and training, while providing practicum for graduate students.</small></p>	<p>SPONSOR: Autism Council of Utah PI: Aaron Fischer CO PI: Chat Illapperuma</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$5,000</p> <p><small>The project aims to compare the use of choice in feeding and its effect on compatible and incompatible consumption behaviors as a long term interventions</small></p>
<p>SUMMARY OF SOURCES FOR SUCCESSFULLY FUNDED COE FACULTY PROJECTS: OCTOBER 2023</p>			

President Randall's Vision Matrix and Six Commitments

[President Randall's Vision Matrix and Six Commitments to Our Community](#) came up during the Oct. 26 CoE Council Meeting for Faculty and Staff. As a reminder, they are:

[Vision Matrix](#)

The University of Utah pursues excellence in education, research, service and patient care. We become a top 10 public with unsurpassed societal impact by **INSPIRING** student success, **INNOVATING** to create new discoveries, and **SERVING** every Utahn. This matrix summarizes the foundational pillars, strategic objectives, targets, initiatives and metrics that maximize our impact.

[Six Commitments to Our Community](#)

1. COMMITMENT to lead
2. COMMITMENT to educate

3. COMMITMENT to research
4. COMMITMENT to serve
5. COMMITMENT to patient care
6. COMMITMENT to unify with sister institutions

Call for Outstanding Academic Advisor Award Nominations



2024 ANNUAL OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARDS

Do you know an academic advisor who has made a positive impact on campus?
Tell us about them!

Nominations are now being accepted from students, staff, and faculty for the in the categories:

- **Outstanding New Advisor** (3 years or less of advising experience)
- **Outstanding Experienced Advisor** (more than 3 years of advising experience)
- **Outstanding Advising Administrator** *NEW* (administrator or director of an advising program)

NOMINATIONS DUE DECEMBER 8, 2023 AT 5PM
 submit a nomination (scan below)



Have Questions?
 Email uaacawards@advising.utah.edu

The UAAC Advisor Awards Committee is excited to announce that it is now accepting nominations for the 2024 UAAC Outstanding Academic Advisor Awards.

Nominations are due December 8.

Questions?
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Happenings

Dean Laanan visited Professor Lynne Zummo at the University of Utah Natural History Museum of Utah, where she holds a joint appointment as the Curator of Learning Sciences.



Pictured (L-R): Dr. Jason R. Cryan, The Sarah B. George Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah; Professor Lynne Zummo; Dean Laanan.

Upcoming Events



Please join the College of Education in a

*Retirement
Celebration*


honoring

Rose Simper

Tuesday, November 14th, from 1:00 -2:00pm

College of Education, Sorensen Arts & Education
First floor Hub 1220

Hors D'Ouvres and Assorted Desserts



A Retirement Celebration honoring Rose Simper

Tuesday, November 14

1 - 2 p.m.

First floor HUB

Hors d'oeuvres and assorted deserts

After 18 years in the College of Education, Rose is moving on to the next chapter. Come bid her farewell and wish her luck!

A VIABLE PATH FOR EDUCATION
Centering Relationality and Relational Accountability in Indigenous Education and Education Research

Come learn what relationality looks and feels like through the storied vignettes of Indigenous education leaders, parents, teachers, and youth who animate pedagogies of care, mutuality, and responsibility to self, others, and the natural world. This presentation then explores how such relational pedagogies might enable schools to be more responsive, respectful, and reciprocally engaged with their families and communities and how our approach to researching the complex processes we call "education" might center the same care, mutuality, and accountability to relationships.



NOVEMBER 27

Reception 4-4:30 p.m.
Research Hub (Floor 1, right of Jeeva's Cafe)

Lecture 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Art Works for Kids Auditorium (Floor 1)

TERESA L. MCCARTY

Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and GF Kneller Chair in Education and Anthropology/Faculty, American Indian Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

Sponsored by the J. George Jones, Jr. and Velma Rife Jones Endowed Lecture Series



J. George Jones, Jr. and Velma Rife Jones Lecture Series with Dr. Teresa McCarty

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Dr. Teresa McCarty's lecture is titled "A Viable Path for Education: Centering Relational Accountability in Indigenous Education and Education Research."

Wednesday Workshops

Wednesday, November 29

12-1:30 p.m.
SAEC 2155

Faculty Mentoring Discussion - Structures and Best Practices for Mentors and Mentees

Native American Heritage Month

Ongoing throughout the month of November.

Find a full calendar [here](#).

Save the Date: College-wide Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

1-2 p.m.
SAEC Auditorium



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