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## Sipe named 2003 Michigan Professor of Year

By Carol Anderson

Rebecca Sipe, associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in the department of English language and literature at Eastern Michigan University, has been named 2003 Michigan Professor of the Year. Sipe, chosen from nearly 400 top professors in the United States, was selected by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

She was honored Nov. 13 during an awards luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The award, created in 1981, is the only national honor specifically designed to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

"Rebecca Sipe is emblematic of the very best at Eastern Michigan University. Her devotion to her students, her continued refinement of pedagogy (teaching), her systematic and dedicated intellectual inquiry and her overall commitment to the institution are truly exemplary," said EMU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Schollaert, who

nominated Sipe for the award. "She has earned this honor with her hard work and dedication."

"This is a great honor," said Sipe, who works predominately with nontraditional

obstacles. I spend time advising students (and) building relationships with them so they are willing to come to me to seek counsel and discuss problems."

Sipe taught in the Anchorage, Alaska school system for 10 years before coming to EMU in 1997. She is co-director of the EMU Writing Project, works with service learning projects, teaches both English methods and writing classes, and advises students.

She recently authored "*They Can't Spell? Understanding and Supporting Challenged Spellers in the Middle and High Schools*," (Heinemann, July 2003).

Her awards include EMU's Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award in 2000 and the National Council of Teachers of English Research Award (2000-2001).

This is the third year since 1985, when the state awards were created, that an EMU professor has

been named Michigan Professor of the Year. Bernard O'Connor, professor in



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students, including many first-generation college students. "Because I once stood in the shoes of my students, I remember acutely the hurdles that created invisible

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### DREAM WEAVER



**A STEADY HAND:** This girl participated in a dream catcher crafting workshop Nov. 13. The activity was part of EMU's recent celebration of Native American Heritage Month on campus.

Photo by Myah Benjamin

## EMU athletics receives NCAA reaccreditation

Eastern Michigan University's athletics department has received reaccreditation from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

"Based upon the information submitted, the committee determined that your institution should be certified," stated a Nov. 17 summary of actions taken by the NCAA Division

I Committee on Athletics Certification. "This classification means that your institution is considered to be operating its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Association's Division I membership..."

"We're just delighted,"

said Jim Vick, vice president for student affairs and chair of the University's NCAA Athletics Certification Steering Committee. "The committee involved in

the self-study did an outstanding job of reviewing our athletics program. Most of the people involved in the process got a more thorough understanding of our athletics program and the high standards under which it operates."

The NCAA peer review team visited campus June 9-12. Athletics certification from the NCAA for a university or college is meant to ensure the NCAA's fundamental commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics is being met.



# Watson appears in JFK documentary for PBS

■ **Mary Ann Watson**, a nationally known media historian and professor of telecommunication and film at EMU, appeared in the recent documentary, *"JFK: Breaking the News,"* which aired on PBS stations Nov. 19.

The one-hour special looked at how America and broadcast journalism were changed forever Nov. 22, 1963 (the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated). The



**Watson**

documentary offered rare multiple views of the Lee Harvey Oswald shooting; footage of Oswald's press conference; and the only moving pictures in existence of Oswald's arrest at the Texas Theatre.

"John Kennedy's assassination and funeral were not only a part of American history; they were a milestone for media history," Watson said. "The coverage of the funeral became the point at which television news came of age. It allowed people to be part of the national ritual of mourning."

■ **Michael G. McGuire**, professor of music and coordinator of the music therapy program at EMU, received the 2003 Service Award from the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) at its annual conference in Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 20-23.

"I can not possibly convey how proud and how deeply my heart is touched by receiving this award. The AMTA is the most recognized membership organization for music therapists in the United States, and it also has a worldwide reputation," McGuire said. "To be recognized for the volunteer work I have done for the association over the last 30 years is most gratifying," McGuire said.

The award is given annually and winners are nominated and chosen by their colleagues or peers in the field of music therapy.

■ **Jim Vick**, vice president for student affairs, was honored by the DTE Energy Foundation and Michigan Nonprofit Association with a 2003 Community Luminary Award during a reception in Detroit Nov. 12.

The award recognizes outstanding leaders and volunteers for their dedication and efforts in contributing to the development of Michigan communities and for inspiring others around them. Vick received \$1,000 for Meals on Wheels, the charity of his choice, and a commemorative gift.

For 22 years, Vick has been involved with Ypsilanti's Meals on Wheels, doing everything from deliv-

ering meals to the homebound elderly to currently serving as the organization's vice president.

"None of us do what we do in the community for recognition or reward," Vick said. "We do it because we know it's the right thing to do, because it's important work and because we like doing it."

■ The Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association (MESTA) recently named **Carl Ojala**, professor of geography and geology, Outstanding Michigan Earth Science Teacher. Ojala received the award at the Metro Detroit Science Teachers



**Ojala**

Association's annual conference Oct. 25 at Lawrence Technological University, where he was honored with a plaque and a monetary honorarium.

"I'm really honored," Ojala said. "This award means a lot to me since it's from many of my former students."

■ **Edward Sidlow**, professor of political science, recently released *"Challenging the Incumbent: An Underdog's Undertaking,"* (October, 2003), Washington, D.C., Congressional Quarterly Press. Sidlow tells the behind-the-scenes story of the 2000 congressional race in Illinois' 8<sup>th</sup> District.



**Sidlow**

Lance Pressl, a 42-year-old challenger, takes on long-time incumbent Phil Crane in a political contest that epitomizes the trials and tribulations confronting those who dare to run against incumbents.



**Haddad**

■ **Carol Haddad**, professor of interdisciplinary technology, has been invited to serve on the Scientific Advisory Committee for AUTO21, a Canadian "Centre of Excellence" project sponsoring applied interdisciplinary research on the Canadian automotive industry. The project, funded by the Canadian government, is supported by Canada's leading automotive and steel industry firms and universities.

■ **Lewis Savage**, assistant director, housing/apartments, was recently elected to serve as committee chairperson for the Association of College and University Housing Officers – International Apartments. Savage, who began his two-year term in October 2003, will represent the Apartments Committee membership at their annual Apartments Committee Conference and the annual ACUHO-I Conference.

The committee's purpose is to obtain, research, analyze and disseminate information to the membership regarding college or university apartments and other accommodations for single students, student families, graduate students, international stu-

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## EMU BY THE NUMBERS

EMU-Livonia opened in fall 1999 with two master's programs. Four years later, EMU-Livonia has 801 students enrolled in 17 programs (including 10 master's programs) of study for fall 2003. Below are the top four programs by enrollment for fall 2003.



**Nursing**  
(RN to BSN  
and MSN)

**129**



**Construction Management**  
(BS completion  
and master's)

**113**



**Teacher Education**  
(bachelor's) and  
**Common Learnings**  
(master's)

**85**



**Management**  
(master's)

**83**

SOURCE: EMU-Livonia

## Former library employees die

Jeanne Henle, former Eastern Michigan University librarian, died Oct. 17. She was 93.

Henle, a graduate of the University of Michigan, worked in the cataloging department of the library, and was the founder and head of the first bargaining committee for EMU's faculty union, AAUP.

She was an active supporter of the Democratic Party and the Detroit Institute of Arts, and instituted the Ellen LaForge Poetry Foundation in Cambridge, Mass.

An avid reader and Detroit Tigers fan, Henle also volunteered for Michigan Legal Services in Ann Arbor.

Survivors include: two sons, John Henle of Oak Park, Ill., and Jim Henle of Cambridge, Mass; a sister, Jenna Glickstein of New York City; a niece,

Lynn Shane of California; and two grandchildren.

**Florence Stevens**, former assistant professor at EMU's library from 1948-1977, died Oct. 13 at the Glacier Hills Retirement Community. She was 85.

Stevens earned a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in art from EMU. She also received a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan.

While she was at Eastern, Stevens worked as the coordinator of the education and psychology department of the library. Upon retirement, she became associate professor emeritus.

Stevens also was active in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor branches of the American Association of University Women.

# Tinney enjoys more than three decades at EMU

For the most part, when an employee has a day off, it's spent on leisure activities. But, in the case of Kathy Tinney, the day was used to make a career decision.

One that had her take a job at Eastern Michigan University. And 35 years later, she's still here and enjoying it.

After completing her undergraduate studies, Tinney was set on moving to Boston,

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where a job in publishing was waiting. But the interview with EMU changed her plans.

"In 1968, I was a substitute teacher in Detroit and I had a day off," Tinney recalled. "I called and scheduled an interview (with EMU) and was offered a job in University Publications. It was a much better offer because the job in Boston paid only \$55 a week with no benefits, and EMU offered full benefits with four weeks vacation."

Through the years, Tinney has worn a number of hats. She has been responsible for budget monitoring with departments under University Relations, including handling

budget reports and requests. She's involved in local, state and federal areas of government relations and also is connected with aspects of community relations, such as char-

tant publications editor, where she wrote and edited brochures for every department. In 1975, she moved to manager of media relations, where she established relationships

idea to focus on people in departments and programs of the University," said Tinney. "We provided a tabloid that ran a weekly feature on a faculty and staff member."

Schwarze (the University photographer for 33 years), along with students, faculty and administrators.

"One unique relationship was with prior president John W. Porter," Tinney said. "We met weekly, traveled, and I wrote his speeches. He was a great mentor."

Tinney also recalls a significant event in her career involving former president William Shelton.

"I was the first to meet (then) President Shelton," she said. "I picked him up from the airport for his interview with the University."

Other opportunities for Tinney have included writing plans for football and the Facilities Plan, which included Halle Library and McKenny Union, renovations to Pease Auditorium, campus beautification and street improvements. Tinney also assisted in arranging both visits by (then) President Bill Clinton.

"I have no regrets; it's (EMU) been a great place to work," Tinney said. — *contributed by Rashid S. Umar*

*EMyou is an occasional feature about faculty, staff and administrators that appears in FOCUS EMU.*



**FOR THE LONG HAUL:** Kathy Tinney, assistant vice president for University Relations, has been at Eastern Michigan University for 35 years.

ter schools, the Convocation Center and WEMU.

Tinney earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English and Literature from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1971, respectively.

Tinney said she has had a lot of great opportunities at EMU. She started as assis-

with local and regional media.

FOCUS EMU, the faculty/staff newsletter, also was started in 1975. John Fountain, former director of information services and whom Tinney worked, wanted to have a campus communications tool for the University.

"FOCUS came from the

In 1980, Tinney became director of public information and, two years later, she became head of University Publications. In 1990-92, she was interim director of development under Roy Wilbanks, then-executive vice president.

Tinney said she has had the opportunity to work with great employees like Dick

## Faculty development drives portion of continuous improvement

*Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series about the implementation and funding of strategic plan initiatives for 2003-04.*

**By Ron Podell**

Stressing faculty development and some tools that will enhance that venture are a key element of Eastern Michigan University's plans for continuous improvement.

A portion of EMU's initiatives under Direction 6 of its strategic plan focuses on faculty development and expanding institutional research capabilities. Direction 6 of the University's strategic plan states that EMU will improve institutional effectiveness.

For starters, funds have been allocated to build the staff and support infrastructure for a new faculty development center. The Division of Academic Affairs also has facilitated a planning process led by a Faculty Council Task Force. Academic Affairs requested that funding from the 2001 planning cycle that was allocated for two pilot summer workshops be provided permanently to help support the faculty development plan. Additional resources are being provided by Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

"It is an opportune time for us to make major headway this year with important faculty development initiatives, including building the staff and

support infrastructure for a new Faculty Development Center," said EMU President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick.

■ Expand research capacity and services for the Office of Institutional Research and Information Management. This initiative would enable the office to obtain national survey and peer institutional data, as well as conduct specialized departmental studies; purchase needed software to build a data warehouse; analyze survey data; and train staff to use the new software. This initiative would receive \$51,600 in base funding for 2003-04.

"A key to continuous improvement is enhancement of our infrastructure for institutional research and information management to enable better evidence-based decision making," Kirkpatrick said. "This will include the acquisition of surveys necessary to conduct appropriate comparative studies and the pursuit of continuous improvement through AQIP, the innovative alternative in regional accreditation."

■ The University has budgeted \$22,000 related to activities for regional accreditation through the Academic Quality Improvement Project (AQIP). The University plans to apply this December for reaccreditation through AQIP. Through this reaccreditation, an institution identifies three or four "action" projects and engages faculty, staff and

administration in evidence-based work that capitalizes on an institutional opportunity for improvement.

Launched in July 1999, AQIP attempts to infuse the principles and benefits of continuous improvement into the culture of colleges and universities by providing an alternative process through which an already-accredited institution can maintain its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). Eastern Michigan received its most recent 10-year reaccreditation from NCA in 2000.

■ Create a faculty staffing model for the College of Business. This initiative was endorsed, but does not require additional funding. This initiative will define the shape and size of the COB. Currently, there is no model that defines the optimal size of COB programs and the college as a whole.

■ Another initiative endorsed that requires no additional funding is program assessment activities. This initiative supports assessment activities for maintaining accreditation in six of nine programs in the College of Health and Human Services (clinical laboratory science, occupational therapy, dietetics, interior design, nursing and social work) and for conducting program reviews in winter 2004.

## JOBSLINE

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Vacancy information may also be obtained by calling our 24-hour Jobs Line at 487-0016. Compensation/Employment Services office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL

(Hiring Rate)

CSAA0424 CS05 \$26,118 Customer Service Representative II, Continuing Education, Livonia. Some evenings and weekends may be required.

CSAA0423 CS04 \$23,113 Secretary II, COE Continuing Certification.

### PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL

(Hiring Range)

PTAA0414 PT05 \$24,031-\$27,634 Research Assistant I, Biology Dept., Grant Duration.

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political science, received the honor in 2001 and 1999.

Campus provosts and academic vice presidents nominated candidates for the honor, and current and former students, colleagues and peers from other institutions sent letters of support.

CASE assembled two preliminary panels of judges to select finalists who were evaluated for their impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly

approach to teaching and learning; contributions to undergraduate education within the institution and community; and support from colleagues and students.

The Carnegie Foundation convened the third and final panel, which selected four national winners and awarded them \$5,000 each. The panel also selected the 43 state winners.

The national winners are the most outstanding candi-

dates of those in the final pool of nominees, said Joye Mercer Barksdale, director of CASE Public Relations. Not all states nominate professors each year or those nominated do not meet all the qualifications to be named a state winner.

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dents, faculty and staff living on or off campus.

■ **Andreas Tomaszewski**, assistant professor of sociology, recently had his book, *“Under Siege: Poverty and Crime in a Public Housing Community,”* released. He co-authored the book with professors at Ohio University and the University of St. Thomas in St. Thomas, Minnesota.

The book describes the devastating consequences of living in a public housing community damaged by the disappearance of manufacturing jobs, government cutbacks and other alarming structural transformations that currently plague the United States and Canada.

■ **George Liepa**, director of human, environmental and consumer resources, recently presented a lecture *“Coronary Heart Disease: Have We Moved Beyond Dietary Cholesterol?”*

at Texas Christian University’s College of Science and



Liepa

Engineering, Department of Nutritional Services Oct. 8. Liepa is the 2003 Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors Professor at TCU.

■ **John Tonkovich**, professor of special education, was recently appointed to a three-year term on the American Speech-Hearing-Language Association’s Board of Ethics for 2004-06.

■ **Alicia Li**, professor of special education, wrote an article, *“A Model for Developing Programs to Improve the Use of Vision in Students Who Are Visually Impaired with Multiple Disabilities,”* that was published in *“Review-Rehabilitation and Education for Blindness and Visual Impairment.”*



Suzanne Zelnik-Geldys  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Health, Physical  
Education, Recreation and Dance

*“Since coming to EMU in 1988 as a part-time dance instructor, I have taught recreational dancing that includes everything from the waltz and the tango to swing and Latin dancing.”*

## Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

I never imagined that I would make a career out of dance. I started dancing as a two-year-old since my mom was a ballet teacher. I was the kid in the back of the room watching her teach and trying to do all the moves myself.

Dance also played a part in meeting my husband. I saw him across the dance floor and fell in love. I was an Arthur Murray dance instructor and he was a friend of a student.

Since coming to EMU in 1988 as a part-time dance instructor, I have taught recreational dancing that includes everything from the waltz and the tango to swing and Latin dancing. We have a great turnout because the classes are fun. No one is a totally inept dancer and I have had staff, faculty and students of all ages and backgrounds in class.

But teaching dance is only one-third of what I do. I also teach physical education for elementary teachers and lifetime wellness and fitness classes. As part of the Wellness Program, we are collecting Yoplait yogurt pink lids for breast cancer research. Everyone is welcome to donate.

Over the years, I have met a broad spectrum of students who really value school and I respect them for that. As for me, I’m still having fun and look forward to many more years at EMU.

*Suzanne M. Zelnik-Geldys*