

CHAPTER 15

COE SPEAKERS AND VISITORS

The COE was honored with many distinguished visitors and speakers during the 1991-2004 period. These persons provided important opportunities for administrators, faculty and staff members, students, and other COE constituencies to interact with and to learn from people who were playing important roles related to Education elsewhere in the state, nation, and world. Examples of these are given below.

Visitors

January 1992. The Michigan [Education] Deans Council met at EMU, with the COE as host, the first (during 1991-2004) of several meetings of this group on the EMU campus over the coming years.

May 1992. U.S. Representatives William D. Ford and John Dingell conducted their annual meeting for educators in the 15th and 16th Congressional Districts at the EMU Corporate Education Center with logistical support from the COE. Anil Bhagwanjee, vice president, Union of Democratic University Staff Associations, South Africa, participated in the C-SIP Conference on Collaboration.

June 1992. A delegation of eight representatives of the Korea Consumer Protection Board visited the National Institute for Consumer Education (NICE). The delegation was headed by Sung Dae Cho, Managing Director of the Korea Consumer Protection Board. Other leaders of the party included Houe Jung Chun and Ju Byung Lee, both assistant division chiefs. Fifteen lawyers from Japan, members of the Consumer Problems Committee of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, visited NICE.

November 1992. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners visiting team consisted of: Philip J. Rusche, Dean, College of Education and Allied Professions, University of Toledo; Rudolfo C. Chavez, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, New Mexico State University; James M. Brewbaker, Chairperson, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Columbus College, Georgia; Joyce S. Friske, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction, Oklahoma State University, Wilbert S. Higuchi, Secondary Science Teacher and K-12 Science Coordinator, Sidney (Nebraska) Public Schools; Gloria Howard, Reading Specialist, North Kingstown (Rhode Island High School); Evelyn Lindsey,

Classroom Teacher, Troy (Michigan) Public Schools; and Ghada Khoury, Michigan Department of Education, Lansing.

Visitors in connection with a new Education building included State Senator Joe Schwarz, M.D., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Higher Education and a member of the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee. Senator Schwarz was accompanied by Ellen Jeffries, Deputy Director of the Senate Fiscal Agency and Senate Analyst for the Higher Education Appropriations Bill, and Rob Abent, Senate Analyst for the Capital Outlay Bill. State Representative Kirk Profit visited the COE several times during the fall of 1992.

December 1992. Additional visitors in connection with a new Education building included Kelli Sobel, the Governor's Financial Analyst for Capital Outlay, and Terese Walsh, the Governor's Financial Analyst for Higher Education.

September 1992-January 1993. The Center for Adaptive Technology Education (CATE) Laboratory was visited by these external (to the COE) parties: Plymouth/Canton school personnel, Environmental Research Institute of Michigan staff, state Department of Education personnel, Albion College personnel, and University of Michigan Office of Disabled Students personnel, as well as EMU's occupational therapy faculty, Division of Student Affairs personnel, and members of the Deans Advisory Council.

October 1993. A professor from a Tokyo University who was affiliated with the Japanese Ministry of Education visited NICE. A few days later, three persons from Osaka, Japan visited NICE.

November 1993. The recreation program hosted visitors from the National Recreation and Parks Association as part of an initial accreditation visit. During 1991-2004, other visitors were in the COE in connection with other program-specific accreditations and approvals.

January 1994. The Michigan [Education] Deans Council met at EMU, with the COE as host. This group met at EMU several other times during the 1991-2004 period.

April 1994. Dr. Francisco Javier Vallejo Jaurequi, Director de Intercambios Academicos of La Universidad Autonoma de Queretaro, Queretaro, Mexico, was a visitor and lecturer.

October 1994. The Education deans in the Mid-America Conference institutions held a conference on faculty diversity at EMU.

November 1994. From Hikone, Japan--Ann Arbor's "sister city"--were three teacher leaders who were visiting Ann Arbor schools and viewing American teacher preparation at EMU. These were Noriko Kitagawa, Senior Teacher at Kinjo Elementary School; Kiyosh Oshitani, Chief of Teachers at the same school; and Yoshimi Hiratsuka, health and physical education teacher at Inae Middle School. Visiting NICE were Takeshi Uenae, Chief Executive Director of Japan's National Institute on Consumer Education; Mitsuhiro Tachibana, Assistant Senior Researcher for the Japanese NICE; and Itsuko Yano of Media Planning, Inc. of Tokyo.

During the state Physically and Otherwise Health Impaired (POHI) conference, EMU's CATE Laboratory was visited by approximately 70 persons attending the conference.

October 1995. NICE hosted two visitors from Japan, Mr. Ushijima and Mr. Takachi, both of the Japan Institute of Life Insurance. Galina Petrovna, principal, and Svelana Borisovna, teacher, from a school for young deaf children in Savrapol, Russia, toured the Speech and Hearing Clinic and the CATE Laboratory.

April 1996. Six persons from the Province of Shaanxi and three from Capital Normal University in Beijing, all from the P.R. China, visited the COE. The group included presidents and vice presidents from teacher training institutions, the provincial commissioner of education, deans, etc.

August 1996. Abaynesh Asrat, a native of Ethiopia and a 1974 master's graduate in early childhood education, then employed by the Center for Comprehensive Health Practice in New York City, visited the COE.

October 1996. The COE hosted a delegation from Sichuan Union University in Chengdu, P.R. China. The delegation was headed by Chen Jun-Kai, president and professor of biomechanics. Others included Tang Xu-Dong, director of the office of international programs; Ning Bin, program manager, office of international programs; and Li Xiang-Dong, an area businessman.

The Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs (DARTEP) met at EMU, the first of several such meetings during the 1991-2004 period.

November 1996. NICE hosted Yruiko Hisadome of the Nishinohon Bank in Japan.

March 1997. The COE hosted the Michigan Association of Teacher Educators (MATE) Student Teacher Conference.

June 1997. The COE hosted a lunch for 13 of the 15 EMU alums who had won the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award (which included a \$25,000 cash prize). The lunch followed a recognition by the EMU Board of Regents.

November 1997. Scott Fleming, Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs in the U.S. Department of Education, visited with four COE graduate classes.

January 1998. The COE hosted a meeting of the superintendents of the school districts in Washtenaw County.

July 1998. NCATE brought its summer Board of Examiners training session, consisting of several score K-12 and higher education professionals from all over the country, to EMU. Although most sessions were scheduled for the Eagle Crest Conference Center/Marriott Hotel, four "mock" visits on campus were held as well. However, because of a massive storm that knocked out power at Eagle Crest/Marriott for most of the time of the training session, many more activities were quickly scheduled for campus facilities.

September 1998. COE hosted the Annual Fall Conference of the Council for Preservice Technology.

November 1998. A "Best Practices Conference" was sponsored by the Department of Teacher Education, with numerous participants from area K-12 schools.

April 1999. Wang Yingjie, vice president of Beijing Normal University, the premier teacher's college in P.R. China, was on campus for two days. During his visit, EMU President

William Shelton and he signed an "agreement of cooperation" between the two institutions that provided for collaboration on research, faculty exchanges, student exchanges, and other types of collaboration.

September 1999. The Kappa Delta Pi field representative serving this part of the country visited the campus and conducted an officer training session.

October 1999. Numerous visitors, especially alumni, were on campus in connection with the opening ceremonies for the Porter Building.

November 1991. Paul A. Smith, Editor in Chief for publisher Allyn and Bacon, visited the COE. He reported that "I haven't spent a more interesting and informative day on [a] campus in over a decade than the day I visited . . . at EMU, and that's because of all of the teaching you folks do there."

May 2000. I had the opportunity for a brief, private, individual conversation with President Bill Clinton while he was on campus to deliver a speech for graduation ceremonies.

August 2000. Samira Moosa, Director of the Education Research Center at Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman, received a Fulbright award to spend the 2000-2001 academic year at Eastern Michigan University. She held her Ph.D. from one of the major California universities. Moosa worked with Leah Adams and Stuart Karabenick to conduct research with the Arabic families in the Dearborn school district. She was housed in the Department of Teacher Education.

September 2000. Kathy Piechura-Couture, an alum who was then a professor of education at Stetson University in Florida, paid an extended visit to the Porter Building to study our applications of technology.

October 2000. A delegation from the Utica school district toured the Porter Building, interested in our applications of technology to instructional processes. A delegation of faculty members from Antioch University in Ohio was in the Porter Building, hosted by Alison Harmon

and other EMU faculty members, to discuss implementation of the Comer Schools and Family Initiative model in the Akron schools.

December 2000. COE served as host for a statewide meeting of the Consortium for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching with Technology (COATT) organization. Among the distinguished educational and political figures present was U.S. Senator Carl Levin.

March 2001. The once-in-every-ten-years North Central Association site visit to EMU occurred, with the visitors spending some of their time with COE personnel and in COE spaces. Forty African-American and other minority students, members of the Young Educators Society (YES) chapter in Saginaw, visited the College of Education and toured the EMU campus.

In 2001, the HPERD Department was host for the annual spring Michigan Therapeutic Recreation Association conference. In addition, the MAHPERD held its "Just for the Health of It!" conference for health educators in the Porter Building, with the EMU HPERD department as the host.

October 2001. Evgeny Knyazev, Vice Rector for International Relations, Kazan State University, Tatarstan, Russia, was on campus and visited the COE. He was interested in cultivating relationships between the two universities.

Ghusoon Karen, Director of the YMWA Centre for Special Education in Amman, Jordan, and Basima M.S. Loukasheh, Head of the School and Pre-School section of the Centre, were guests on the campus in 2001. In the fall of 2001, for the second year in a row, the Department of Leadership and Counseling hosted a 10-day training seminar for 15-20 Saudi Arabian school administrators. Christina Georgiou, a teacher of mathematics at the Institute of Mathematics and Science in Cyprus, spent a month in the U.S. in the EMU College of Education.

March 2002. The EMU College of Education was selected to participate in a nationwide study of "schools of education" conducted by Teachers College, Columbia University and supported by funding from the Annenberg Foundation. The research team, headed by Al Sanoff, was on campus for several days interviewing groups of faculty members and groups of students. Claudette Reid, coordinator of the project, was one of the visitors. Other members were Clement Seldin, a professor of education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Bob Rosenblatt, a consultant and writer.

A team of academics and researchers from the Center for School Education Research at Hyogo University of Teacher Education in Japan, led by Masatoshi Jimmy Suzuki, selected the

EMU COE as their only stop in the U.S.A. in order to "look at your excellent teacher training program." The delegation was also interested in the C-SIP program and in our structure for student teaching.

April 2002. About 400 middle and high school students from around the state, many of them minorities, and all members of the Young Educators Society (YES), gathered at EMU and in the COE for the annual conference.

The Executive Board of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (*Organisation Mondiale pour l'Education Préscolaire-OMEP*)—with members from Chile, Columbia, Singapore, and Switzerland, plus the head of the Canadian branch of OMEP--were guests of the COE for a reception and a tour of the Porter Building.

The Department of Leadership and Counseling hosted the annual conference of the Michigan Association for Counselor Education and Supervision in the spring of 2002.

October 2003. Visiting Ukrainian educators were the guests of honor at a reception sponsored by COE. The following month, the seven visiting scholars from the Ukraine presented a brown-bag lunch seminar. In October, a group of prominent Mid-East/North African educators visited EMU and the COE.

November 2003. NCATE visiting team members were Tes Mehring, Dean, The Teachers College, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas; Karen B. McLean Donaldson, Systemwide Program Director, Cross-Cultural Studies, Graduate School of Education, Alliant International University, Alameda, California; William L. Havice, Associate Dean for Academic Services, College of Health, Education, and Human Development, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; Jack K. Hasegawa, Bureau of Certification and Professional Development, Connecticut Department of Education, Hartford, Connecticut; Marianne H. Lipomi, Painesville City Local Schools, Concord, Ohio; John J. Schultz, Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Kenneth F. Jerich, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois; and State Consultant Sue Wittick, Higher Education Coordinator, Michigan Department of Education, Lansing, Michigan.

In the fall of 2003, the conference of the Midwest Regional conference of the Comparative and International Education Society was held on campus.

Speakers

March 1993. Noted author Roland Barth of Harvard University was the keynote speaker at the 10th annual Administrators Conference of the Collaborative School Improvement Program (C-SIP). Barth led the group in participatory activities related to vision and other aspects of bringing about change at the K-12 level.

November 1993. At the initiation ceremony for the EMU chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, Michael Wolfe, KDP Executive Director, of West Lafayette, Indiana, was the speaker for the event.

January 1994. The EMU and University of Michigan (UM) chapters of Phi Delta Kappa presented a "Public School Finance Forum." University of Michigan professor C. Phillip Kearney was the forum moderator, with panelists William Wade (Ann Arbor schools), state Representative Kirk Profit, John Fountain (Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce), and Dorothy Beardmore (Michigan State Board of Education).

April 1994. Dr. Francisco Javier Vallejo Jaurequi, Director de Intercambios Academicos of La Universidad Autonoma de Queretaro, Queretaro, Mexico, lectured to a number of COE groups.

May 1994. At the COE Celebration of Excellence, the keynote speaker was Michael G. Davis, President, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Dr. Davis' appearance was part of a "kickoff" for the following fall's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of EMU's Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (HPERD).

September-October 1994. Tony Holmes, a member of the early childhood education faculty of Wellington College of Education in New Zealand, spent several days working with early childhood education faculty members and students.

October 1994. U.S. Senator Carl Levin spoke at the inaugural ceremonies for the AmeriCorps program. The Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) sponsored a conference at EMU on "accreditation." The keynote speakers were Dr. Richard Wisniewski, dean of the College of Education at the University of Tennessee and president of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE); and Donna Gollnick, vice president of NCATE.

March 1995. The 12th annual Collaborative School Improvement Program (C-SIP) Administrator's Conference was held, and the featured speaker was Dennis Sparks, Executive Director, National Staff Development Program.

March 1996. Thomas Sergiovanni, the Lilian Radford Professor of Education and Administration and Senior Fellow, Center for Educational Leadership, Trinity University, was the keynote speaker for the Administrators Conference/Research Symposium. Sergiovanni's address focused on the value of building community within schools. His recent publications included *Moral Leadership: Getting to the Heart of School Improvement*, *Building Community in Schools*, and *Leadership for the School House: How Is it Different? Why Is it Important?*

Leadership and Counseling hosted a workshop and lecture by Sam Keen on "The Practice of Love: Cultivating a Skillful Heart."

September 1996. Gerald Bracy, noted author and researcher and critic of educational critics, spoke to COE faculty, staff, and students. Bracy was well known for the annual "Bracy Reports" in the *Phi Delta Kappan*. In these, he debunked many of the criticisms leveled at schools, students, and educational personnel.

February 1997. The Office of Research Development (ORD) and the COE co-hosted a presentation by Betty J. Overton, director of higher education at the Kellogg Foundation.

March 1997. At an event honoring the 75th anniversary of the founding of the EMU chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, Michael Wolfe of West Lafayette, Indiana, Executive Director of the Society, was the speaker.

February 1998. Carl Glickman of the University of Georgia was the keynote speaker at the C-SIP/Office of Collaborative Education Administrator's Conference. Glickman was known for his work with school improvement in Georgia.

March 1998. The dance program hosted Malini Srirama, teacher and expert on the dances of India.

April 1998. The Department of Special Education held its eleventh annual "Professional Development Day." Guest speakers included Sharon LaPointe, a lawyer, and Jacque Thompson, Director, Special Education and Early Intervention Services, Michigan Department of Education.

July 1998. Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, former Oiler, Redskin, and Falcon and, at the time, the Falcon's Club Coordinator for Player Programs, was the speaker for the first recognition ceremony for Project CLIMB (Creative Linkages for Increased Minority Baccalaureates) participants. CLIMB participants were minority students, especially ones interested in becoming teachers, who were moving from Washtenaw Community College to EMU.

October 1998. Joe Stroud, the recently retired editorial page editor of the *Free Press*, spoke on "Education: Reform or Revolution?" as part of the "American Schools and Education" series. The series, of which this was the sixth event, was sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the College of Education.

November 1998. The Best Practices Conference featured, as speakers, Thomas O. Erb, editor of the *Middle School Journal*, prominent author, and professor at the University of Kansas; and Spencer Kagan, internationally acclaimed researcher, trainer, and author, whose books included *Cooperative Learning and Multiple Intelligences*.

October 1999. David Imig, President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, gave the address of the day at ceremonies celebrating the opening of the Porter Building.

October 1999 through May 2000. The first holder of the John W. Porter Chair in Urban Education, Dr. James Comer, made numerous presentations to classes and to COE-affiliated groups during his four periods of residency during that year.

November 1999. Joel Spring, nationally renowned historian of education and multicultural teacher educator, addressed the topic of "The Global Economy and the Right to Education," as part of the 1999-2000 COE theme of "Looking Back, Moving Forward." There was a student workshop during the day and a public address in the evening.

Kenneth T. Henson, at the time of Eastern Kentucky University, provided his highly popular "Writing for Professional Publication" workshop as an all-day event.

The second annual Best Practices Conference included, as the keynote speaker, Janet Kierstead of Claremont Graduate University and the California Department of Education. She was an expert in the field of curriculum integration and interdisciplinary teaming.

August 2000. The National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) organization met at EMU. Governor John Engler spoke at the opening banquet. Other major speakers included Michelle Young, president, University Council for Educational Administration; James A. Kelly, retired president/CEO of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards; Kenneth Leithwood (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education), who delivered the Corwin Lecture; and David Adamany, former president of WSU, former superintendent of the Detroit schools, and, at the time, president of Temple University.

October 2000 through May 2001. Dr. James Comer, in his second year as the first holder of the John W. Porter Chair in Urban Education, again made numerous presentations to classes and to COE-affiliated groups during his periods of residency during that year.

October 2000. Lisa Nicks offered master classes in dance to our students.

February 2001. The dance program hosted the internationally renowned Hubbard Street Dance Company for a master class in jazz.

March 2001. The dance program hosted a master class in modern dance with the world-famous Ron Brown Dance Company. At the COE Celebration of Excellence convocation, the keynote speaker was Julie Helber, a distinguished alumna and recipient of the Milken Family Foundation award.

September 2001-May 2002. Lisa D. Delpit, the second holder of the John W. Porter Chair in Urban Education, spoke to numerous classes and COE-related constituencies during her four periods of residency during that year.

September 2001. State Superintendent of Education Tom Watkins spoke twice in the same day in the Porter Building. A session was held for students. A second session was held for faculty, staff, and the general public. Royal Van Horn, a professor at the University of North Florida and the widely-read author of a monthly column on educational technology in the *Phi Delta Kappan*, presented a COE faculty development session.

November 2001. Kenneth Henson, nationally known authority on writing for professional publication, presented his workshop for COE faculty members. Henson, then dean of the School of Education at The Citadel in South Carolina, was a highly prolific writer for educational publications.

The 2001 Best Practices Conference, sponsored by the Department of Teacher Education, was held, with Donna Ford as the keynote speaker. Ford was a nationally acclaimed educator, researcher, and author. Her publications included *Underachievement Among Gifted Black Students* (1996) and *Multicultural Gifted Education* (1999).

January 2002. The world-famous Pilobolus dance company was in residency at EMU, and, among other activities, they conducted master classes for EMU students. In observance of the 80th anniversary of the founding of Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, ceremonies were held with Michael Wolfe of Indianapolis, Indiana, the Society's executive director, as the speaker.

September 2002-May 2003. Nell Noddings, the third holder of the John W. Porter Chair in Urban Education, spoke to numerous classes and COE-related constituencies during her four periods of residency during that year.

February-April 2003. The COE Clinical Suite hosted a national conference, in three parts, on "Auditory Processing Disorders: The Hidden Disability." The keynote speaker was Jay Lucker of Washington, D.C.

February 2003. Because of the research of special education undergraduate student Elizabeth "Beth" Storey, Dr. Fionia Wood of Perth, Australia came to visit with her on campus. While here, Dr. Wood delivered the keynote speech for the EMU Undergraduate Symposium.

September 2003-May 2004. Joyce Epstein, the fourth holder of the John W. Porter Chair in Urban Education, spoke to numerous classes and COE-related constituencies during her four periods of residency during that year.

February 2004. The COE Annual Winter Conference, “School Community Partnerships and ‘No Child Left Behind,’” was held, with keynote speakers Barbara Blanchard, president-elect, Michigan Parent-Teacher-Student Association; Deborah K. Canja, CEO, Bridges4Kids; Nancy Fahner, Ingham Intermediate School District; Lefiest Galimore, Family Learning Institute of Ann Arbor; and Sue Carnell, education policy advisor to the Governor.

March 2004. At the annual COE Celebration of Excellence ceremony, Kenneth Burnley, CEO of the Detroit Public Schools, was the speaker.