



Chair's Corner

As I reflect on this year, I am deeply satisfied with all that the Department accomplished. The Department conducted searches for a fixed-term three year instructor position for Special Education and also a Field Placement Coordinator. In addition to these searches being filled the Department also completed a proposal request for a tenure-track Elementary faculty position which was approved.

I see this work as being very consequential for the Education Studies Department because we are growing programs by adding an LBD (Special Education) certification. We also are also simultaneously adding more human capacity. Our Field Placement Coordinator will be so impactful insofar as the Department has done this more piecemeal. Faculty were responsible for finding clinical placements for their students. Doing this while teaching a

full course load quickly becomes untenable. The Department will now be able to be more systematic and impactful when it comes to finding classrooms to complete field hours as well as to student teach.

All of these wonderful Education Studies developments are occurring at a time when Berea College is making history. When students return to campus this Fall 2023, a different family will be living in the President's Residence. Berea College's first woman President, Dr. Cheryl Nixon will begin her presidency July 1, 2023. I am excited to see her leadership on display.

Please enjoy this May 2023 Education Studies newsletter and share it with others in the field of Education. I look forward to Fall 2023, when we will again, do all that we can do to prepare the most effective teachers we can for the world.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Hartlep


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Education Studies Department Chair



Chad Runyan, P-5 Student Teacher
Fall 2022

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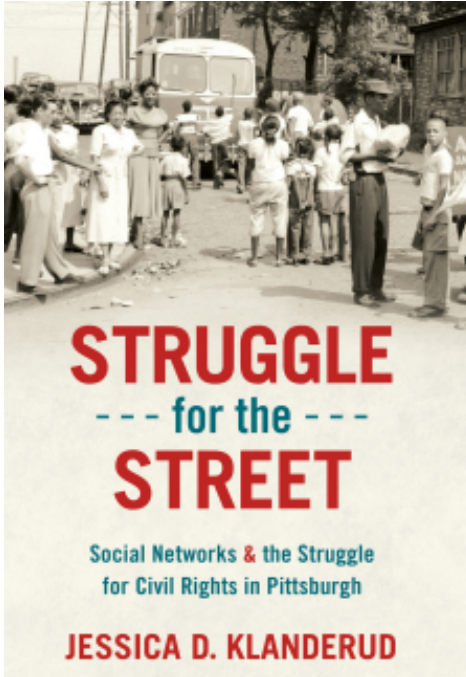
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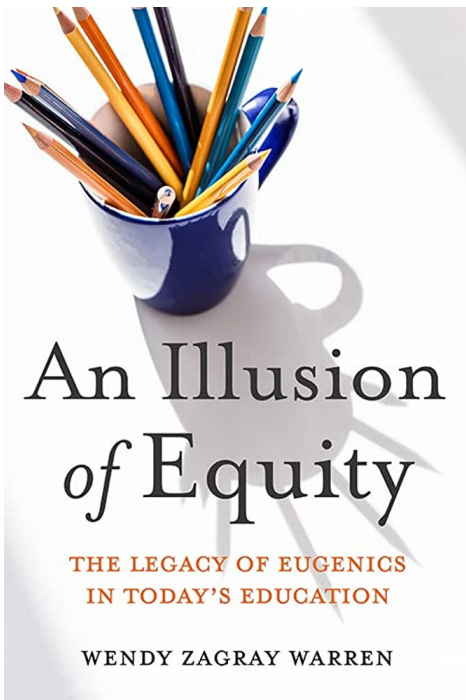
Faculty & Staff Achievements

Faculty Book Release



JESSICA D. KLANDERUD, Associate Professor of African and African American Studies and History, released *Struggle for the Street: Social Networks and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Pittsburgh*.

In *Struggle for the Street* Klanderud documents the development of classbased visions of political, social, and economic equality in Pittsburgh's African American community between World War I and the early 1970s. Klanderud emphasizes how middle-class and working-class African Americans struggled over the appropriate uses and dominant meanings of street spaces in their neighborhoods as they collectively struggled to define equality.



WENDY WARREN, Forestry Outreach Coordinator, released *An Illusion of Equity: The Legacy of Eugenics in Today's Education*.

In *An Illusion of Equity* Warren demonstrates how centuries of propaganda have led us to accept the idea that test scores indicate something so valuable about human beings that they should be used to organize society. Drawing on decades of experience as an educator, Warren unpacks the origins of this practice, inviting us to probe the ideologies underlying testing procedures and score interpretation and to evaluate the rationale for using test scores as the sole markers for academic achievement. From the beginning, large-scale tests have produced scores divided by race and class.

Faculty & Staff Achievements

Hartlep selected for 2023 Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy (ALA) Fellowship



Dr. Nicholas D. Hartlep, Chair of the Education Studies Department was selected as a 2023 Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy (ALA) Fellow. ALA fellows will receive professional development training and mentoring by institutional leadership from throughout the state to prepare them for career paths in higher education. Campuses nominated participants based on their talents and demonstrated leadership abilities.

ALA is a project of CPE and the Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium, a partnership of 12 colleges and universities in the Central Kentucky region managed by Bluegrass Tomorrow.

Hartlep is one of three (3) ALA Fellows selected from Berea College; the other two ALA Fellows are Xiangting Hong (Chair of Music Department) and Mary Robert Garrett (Chair of Chemistry Department).



Dr. Maggie Robillard, Associate Professor of Education Studies, was selected as an institute participant for the Asian Studies Development Program's 2023 Modern China in Three Keys.

Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, "Modern China in Three Keys: History, Culture and Social Change" is a two-week residential institute for college and university teachers that will be hosted on the East-West Center campus in Honolulu from July 10-July 21, 2023 by the Asian Studies Development Program.

This institute will examine the turbulent dynamics of China's transformation from a 19th-century empire to a struggling multi-ethnic 20th century nation-state and a 21st-century economic and geopolitical global power, emphasizing cultural continuities as well as political experimentation in an evolving and aspirational "China dream."

Faculty & Staff Achievements



Congratulations to the Health and Human Performance Department. Dr. Thornton was named College Professor of the Year and Robert Immell was named College PE Major of the Year by KYSHAPE.



Watch them both receive their awards [here](#)!

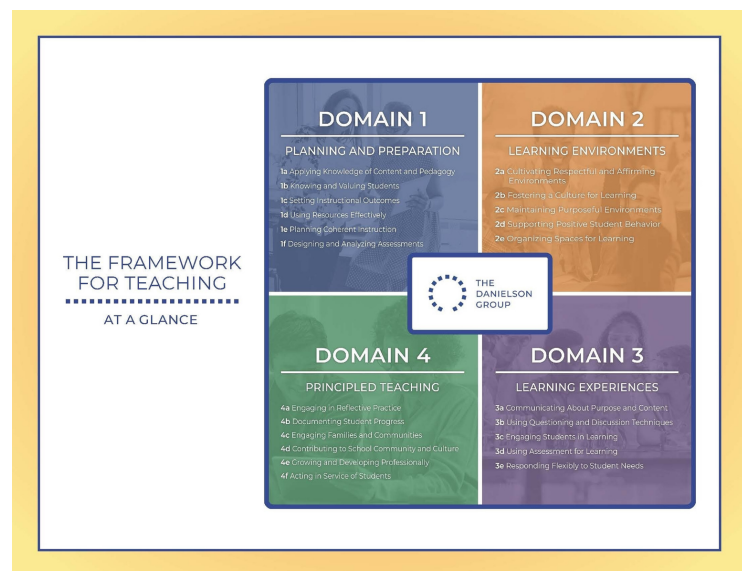
Danielson Group Training

The Framework for Teaching | EDS works with the Danielson Group

Designed for teachers, instructional coaches and school leaders, this 6-hour training session built a foundational understanding of the Framework for Teaching (FFT). Participants in the training drew connections between the FFT and their own practices as we focused on using the FFT as the centerpiece of a learning culture and teacher-directed inquiry.



Watch the recap of the Danielson Group Training [here!](#)



Creating Trauma-Sensitive School Conference

During the 2021–2022 AY the Education Studies Department (EDS) discussed ways it could build community while supporting professional development. Discussions occurred during Department meetings, which resulted in the idea that the Department would attend one academic conference each academic year together. By having all EDS faculty and staff attend the same conference, relationships could deepen and the professional development on the conference's theme would help the Department enhance its knowledge base. Dr. Robillard suggested the Department attend a conference on trauma because she had attended it in the past and learned a lot. So, during the Spring of 2023 the entire Department attended the 6th Annual "Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools" Conference, which was held in Houston, Texas. Over 1400 educators from all across the United States and at least 4 other countries participated in this conference. The Department learned together during the general session, which was led by Dr. Lori Desautels.

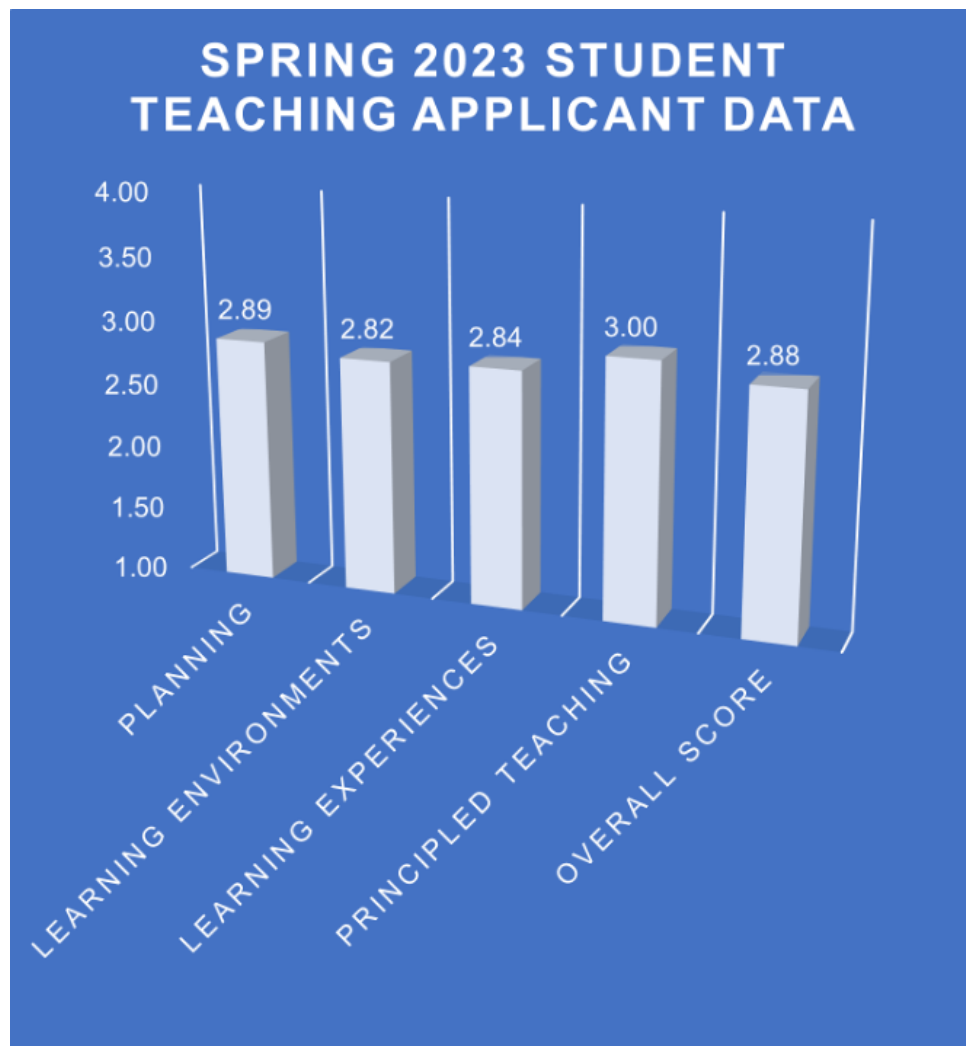


EDS Department at Creating Trauma-Sensitive School Conference

The Department plans on attending the AAC&U Conference on Global Learning, which will be held in Washington, DC on October 12-14, 2023.

Spring 2023 Student Teaching Applicant Data

Ten (10) candidates have successfully met the requirements to student teach during the Fall 2023 semester. We are excited for them as they begin this capstone experience! This will be a time of significant growth for them, and we know they are up to the challenge. They completed a pre-professional field experience this spring. At the end of this experience their Cooperating Teachers completed a summative evaluation, which scored the candidates on four domains—(1) Planning, (2) Learning Environments, (3) Learning Experiences, and (4) Principled Teaching. Possible scores include Below Basic—1, Emergent—2, Proficient—3, Exemplary—4. The rating scale is the same for pre-service and in-service teachers, so we are proud to see that our candidates are performing so close to the Proficient level even before student teaching. We look for great things to come with this cohort!



Welcome to the Education Studies Department

The Education Studies Department would like to welcome two new members to its community! Dr. Keesha Greer-Effs will be joining the Department in July 2023 as a 3-year visiting instructor. Her expertise is Special Education. She will assist the Department in getting its Special Education (LBD) certification approved with the State of Kentucky. Shaniqua ("Shan") Robinson, a familiar face around Knapp Hall, will now transition into a new role. For the 2022–2023 AY, Shan has been serving as a fixed-term faculty replacement for Dr. Maggie Robillard who has been on sabbatical. Dr. Robillard will return to the Department Fall 2023. It will be wonderful to have her back. Shan will now serve as the Department's Field Placement Coordinator. She will assist EDS in securing high quality field placements for certification students, as well as work to secure student teaching placements.



Shaniqua ("Shan") Robinson

What is the greatest accomplishment of your life?

The most humbling experience is having past students share how you impacted their lives. One of my greatest joys comes from running into students and hearing life updates. It is such an honor to be a part of that. My accomplishments are tied to the success of my students.

What would constitute a “perfect” day for you?

For me, the perfect day is a fall day. I love to sit on the couch and watch spooky movies and drink cider. Halloween is my favorite holiday!

Given the choice of anyone in the world, whom would you want as a dinner guest?

Michelle LaVaughn Obama

Welcome to the Education Studies Department



Dr. Keesha Greer-Effs

What is the greatest accomplishment of your life?

My greatest accomplishment to date has been overcoming the obstacles that frequently hinder an immigrants' path to obtaining citizenship and to being able to enjoy the rights and privileges fundamental to U.S. Citizenship. Becoming a U.S. Citizen through naturalization was an important part of my immigration journey, benefits of which extends to my immediate relatives as well. Being a Jamaican-American (interna-tional migrant) I have had the opportunity to support migrant populations in the diaspora as part of an integral support system, as well as to enhance access to resources for my family currently residing in Jamaica.

What would constitute a “perfect” day for you?

For me, a perfectly aligned day begins with prayer and meditation, continues with meaningful time spent with students and colleagues, in the workplace and concludes with all of us safely returning to our families/home. It's one of a utopian view, but it's beyond important that at the end of each day I'm back in the retreat and warmth of my love ones. This importance of a calm retreat at the end of the day is extended to all my students and colleagues I serve alongside.

Given the choice of anyone in the world, whom would you want as a dinner guest?

My dinner guest would be none other than Festus Claudius "Claude" McKay OJ, Jamaican-American writer, poet and a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance as a dinner guest. Yes! We would recite in choral, The Spanish Needle over two warm cups of ginger tea.