

**From Dr. Stephanie L. Knight, Simmons Dean of Education and Human Development**

Dear Colleagues,

Our Academic Affairs Committee is proud to publish its second Academic Affairs Digest, spring 2018. As you can see from the publications and conference presentations below, Simmons faculty members are diligently producing outstanding research. Their efforts expand the research base in their substantive areas and lead to improvements in their fields.

We think it's important to share how our professors are building the intellectual base of the school. Just as significant is what they do to mentor graduate students. By offering different scholarly opportunities for publishing and presenting at conferences to our students, faculty help them find paths to their own areas of interest and advancement.

Of particular note, Simmons faculty bring in an impressive amount of grants and research money which help support scholarly productivity as well as graduate students. In rank, we are second in external funding despite being relatively new and small in size.

Thank you for making Simmons the vibrant place that it is.





**Greta A. Davis** (2016) presented *The MBTI Four Functions & Decision-Making: Advanced Interpretation Strategies* at the TCA Professional Growth Conference. Dallas, TX.

**Sarah Feuerbacher, Clinical Assistant Professor** (2016) presented *Building Bridges Across Disciplines: Innovations in CACREP Identity* at the TCA Professional Growth Conference. Dallas, TX.

**Sarah Feuerbacher** (2016) presented *Ethics and Legal Issues in Technology* at the TCA Professional Growth Conference. Dallas, TX.

**Sarah Feuerbacher** (2017) presented *Ethics and Legal Issues in Technology* at the Texas School Counselors Association. Arlington, TX.

**Misty Solt, Clinical Associate Professor** (2016) presented *Child and Adolescent Sexuality* at the TCA Professional Growth Conference. Dallas, TX.

**Gay McAlister, Clinical Associate Professor** (2016) presented *Intersection of Ethics & the Internet* at the TCA Professional Growth Conference. Dallas, TX

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**Gay McAlister** (2016) presented *Bridging Differences, Brokering Peace* at the Texas School Counselors Association. Arlington, TX.

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Kim, S. and **Dan Berebitsky, Assistant Professor**



Lessons learned from the ASHEWICHE collaborative. Boulder, CO: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

**Sondra Barringer**, Assistant Professor, S. N., Taylor, B. J., and Slaughter, S. “Trustees as Boundary



Pullen, P.C., & Kennedy, M. J. (in press). *Handbook of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Response to Intervention* (Eds.). New York, Routledge.

**Stephanie Al Otaiba** and de Mellado Cruz, V. (2016, November), presented *Professional development to improve beginning reading skills for students with disabilities*. Paper presented at the annual Conference for the Council for Learning Disabilities.

Kim, Y.-S. G., Gatlin, B., **Stephanie Al Otaiba**, and Wanzek, J. (in press). Theorization and an empirical investigation of the component-based and developmental writing fluency construct. Manuscript accepted for publication in *Journal of Learning Disabilities*.

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learners in elementary and middle grades. Symposium conducted at the Literacy Research Association conference, Nashville, TN.

Kiuhara, S. A., **Gillespie Rouse, A.**, Dai, T., and Tolbert, M. (2016, December) presented Mathematical reasoning through writing: 4th to 6th graders at tier 2. In A. Gillespie Rouse (Chair), *Writing and STEM: Performance of diverse learners in elementary and middle grades*. Symposium conducted at the Literacy Research Association conference, Nashville, TN.

**Candace Walkington,**