Greetings from the Chair

CPAE Colleagues,

I am writing these greetings on a cool, crisp Friday morning in Texas, signaling the beginning of fall. I wish you a happy fall semester and hope it is off to a good start. As a result, of the economic realities we and our institutions continue to face, it has been a challenging year. During our midyear meeting at AERC in Chicago, we discussed the impact of the economic crisis on our university adult education programs. While some programs have experienced minimal impact, some have had to merge with other programs as a means of survival, and a few others are faced with plans for eventual extinction. The notions of professional identity and a sense of place in the midst of mergers and closures were also discussed. Some of our colleagues, who are housed in programs that are not in their discipline, expressed a sense of loss as they tried to come to terms with where they are positioned programmatically within their institution. However, a more experienced colleague encouragingly reminded us that we should not limit our sense of identity to where we are located within our institution. She reminded us that as professors of adult education, we bring our philosophy and practice of teaching adults to any teaching/learning context within any given program. What defines us, another colleague noted, are the philosophies we hold and the practices we embrace about adults as learners. I encourage us to be mindful of the words of our colleagues in our quest for professional identity and place in and out of our disciplinary home.

By the time you receive your copy of the newsletter, we will be heading off to the AAACE and CPAE meetings in Cleveland, Ohio from November 3-6. CPAE will maintain its traditional schedule, with the opening session and business meeting starting at 3pm on Thursday, November 5 and the SIG concurrent sessions taking place on Friday, November 6. We will end the day with a discussion on the ways we are using the Standards for Graduate Programs in Adult Education and to set some future directions for the Commission. A more detailed program schedule can be found on page 6.

The agenda for the Business Meeting will be sent separately, but I want to remind you of the upcoming elections at the meeting where we will elect a secretary/treasurer, two members at-large, and a chair elect. Please think about making a commitment to support the Commission with your service on the executive committee. Send your nominations to Henry Merrill (hmerrill@iupui.edu) who is coordinating that activity.

We hope to see you at the larger AAACE conference and particularly at the CPAE business meeting and SIG sessions. Let’s support our presenters by attending the sessions.

See you in Cleveland!

Sincerely,
Mary V. Alfred, Chair, CPAE
CPAE Executive Committee

It is time to identify colleagues for the CPAE Executive Committee positions to be elected at the Business Meeting at AAACE Cleveland in November. These are excellent opportunities to serve the profession and provide leadership at the national level. The positions available and a brief description of responsibilities are listed below. Nominations may be made in advance or from the floor during the Business Meeting. The CPAE By-Laws are available at the Commissions link at www.aaace.org.

- **Two (2) Members-at-large** are needed each year. Each Member-at-Large serves a 2-year term from November 2010 through November 2012. There are four (4) Members-at-large on the Executive Committee with two elected each year to provide continuity. The four Members-at-large focus primarily on developing the annual CPAE Post-conference in collaboration with the SIG Chairs and produce the fall and spring editions of the CPAE Newsletter.

- **Secretary-Treasurer:** This individual serves a 2-year term from November 2010 through November 2012. From Article V, Section 4 of the CPAE By-Laws: The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to keep the minutes of the Commission and the Executive Committee; carry on general correspondence in behalf of the Commission; keep a current list of the membership; send notices of all meetings; and be responsible for Commission funds. The Secretary-Treasurer will also be responsible for submitting appropriate bills to AAACE for payment.

- **Executive Committee Chair-elect:** This person begins his or her term in November 2009. This person serves a 2-year term as Chair from November 2010 through November 2012. During term as Chair, the individual also serves as Director of CPAE on AAACE Board of Directors. The person serves as Past Chair through November 2013.

From Article V, Section 3 of the CPAE By-Laws: The duties of the Chair shall be to call meetings of both the Commission and the Executive Committee and to be the presiding officer at those meetings.

If you are interested in nominating a CPAE colleagues or yourself for one of these positions, please contact Henry Merrill (hmerrill@iupui.edu) or at this address: Henry S. Merrill, Ed. D., Adult Education Graduate Program, 620 Union Drive, #129D, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Phone: 317/278-0546; fax: 317/278-0895.

Retirements and Changes

**John Rachal** and **W. Lee Pierce** retired from University of Southern Mississippi in May 2009 and returned to work half time in October 2009.

**Jim Berger** has moved departments within Western Kentucky University from the Department of Special Instructional Programs to the Department of Education Administration, Leadership, and Research.

Kudos

**Dr. Kathleen P. King** is now listed as an instructional technology expert in SchoolTube.com. [http://www2.schooltube.com/Resources/DrKathleenPKing.aspx](http://www2.schooltube.com/Resources/DrKathleenPKing.aspx)

**Dr. Kathleen P. King** is now listed as an expert helping adults with professional and career development in SelfGrowth.com: [http://www.selfgrowth.com/experts/kathleen_king.html](http://www.selfgrowth.com/experts/kathleen_king.html)

**Dr. Elizabeth J. Tisdell** was promoted to Professor at Penn State University-Harrisburg.

**Drs. Elizabeth J. Tisdell, Edward W. Taylor,** and **Auden Thomas** received a $149,000 grant from the National Endowment of Financial Education (NEFE) to do a mixed methods research study of Financial Literacy Educators in Community Based Programs. The study is in process.
In Memoriam

**Dr. Elizabeth Peterson** was an associate professor of Adult Education at National Louis University-Chicago, IL (NLU). She passed away on January 26, 2009. After completing her doctoral studies in adult education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL, she worked and taught for twelve years in South Carolina. Ten years were spent as a professor of adult education at the University of South Carolina and two years as a research professor at Clemson University. While at NLU, Dr. Peterson co-directed the Gidwitz Center for Urban Policy and Community Development where she launched an online policy journal, Common Concern.

**Dr. Mary K. Cooper** passed away on August 3, 2009 at the age of 62 in St. Louis, MO. Mary attained her Ph.D. in Adult Education in August 1999. Until Mary’s early medical retirement at the end of 2008, for 10 years she had been an Assistant Professor, Adult Education, Division of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, College of Education, University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL).

Dr. Cooper was the beloved sister of Audrey (Henry) Reighley, Auburn, California; Michael (Sharon) Cooper, Edina, Minnesota; and Bryan (Angelika) Cooper, Mannheim, Germany; and the late John Cooper, Bloomington, Minnesota; loving daughter of the late Wallace Eugene and Lillian (nee Lindstrom) Cooper.

A private memorial service at her home in Ferguson, Missouri was held Sunday, August 9, commemorating her amazing life. John A. Henschke, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Education at UMSL officiated.

Donations in memory of Dr. Cooper can be made to The Dr. Mary Cooper Adult Education Scholarship Fund at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Dr. Colleen Aalsburg Wiessner** unexpectedly passed away on August 5, 2009. She leaves behind her husband of 33 years, Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner of Raleigh, NC; her sons, Nathaniel T. Wiessner and his partner, Kimberly Ciola of N. Adams, MA and Benjamin C. Wiessner of Raleigh, NC; as well as countless other relatives, friends, and collaborators.

Colleen was born February 6, 1954 in Grand Rapids, MI. She was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Adult and Higher Education at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. She participated in ministry with her husband Charles, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Cary, NC. Colleen received her Doctorate from Teacher’s College Columbia University, a Master’s Degree from S.U.N.Y at New Palz, a Master’s Degree from Columbia University, and her Bachelor’s Degree from Kalamazoo College. Friends remember Colleen as a loving, imaginative spirit who could make any situation into a story to be told.

She leaves a legacy of scholarship behind through the books and articles she published and the innumerable conferences wherein she presented and researched. Colleen was instrumental in the development and ongoing support of the Transformative Learning Conferences and most recently served on the executive committee of the Commission of Professors of Adult Education (CPAE). More importantly, she has inspired, encouraged, enabled, and advocated for students and colleagues that will carry on the narrative of her work. The world has lost an activist, writer, scholar, and facilitator. Those who knew her have lost a presence no individual will fill in their lives or hearts.
Publications

Books


Articles and Book Chapters


**Journal Editorship (Special Issue)**

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American Association for Adult and Continuing Education

58th International Conference: Adult Education: Together We Can!
November 3-6, 2009, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio
(Preconferences, November 1-3)

Concurrent Sessions:

• Community Education
• Nonformal Education
• Distance Learning
• Continuing Professional Education
• Program Management
• Career Education
• Adult Psychology
• Religious Adult Education
• Workforce Development
• Health Education
• Adult Learning
• Women’s Issues
• Adult Counseling
• International Adult Education
• Military Education
• Other related areas

It is this wide array of sharing and learning that makes this conference unique.

Featuring:

• Three General Sessions opportunities for learning and participation
• Exhibits from book and instructional publishers, educational suppliers, universities and more
• Pre and Post Conferences on International Adult Education, Military Education, and Professors of Adult Education (CPAE).
• President’s Reception—“Welcome to Cleveland”
• Tour the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Wednesday evening
• Newcomers’ Breakfast and Orientation
• Graduate Students’ Breakfast
• Meet your friends for refreshment breaks and Thursday lunch (included in the Conference fee)
• Participate in the business meeting

Online Conference registration is available at www.aaace.org. We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland!

Adult Education Research Conference

The AERC Steering Committee is pleased to announce that the 2010 AERC Conference will be held at the California State University, Sacramento in Sacramento, CA in conjunction with the Third Annual Western Regional Research Conference in Adult Education (June 3-5). The conference dates are June 4-6, 2010 with Pre-conferences on June 3. AERC Preconferences include the African Diaspora, Asian Diaspora, Latino/a Diaspora, and the Gay, Lesbian, Queer and Transgendered Pre-Conferences. See website: http://www.adulterc.org/

Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference

See announcement on page 8. Website: http://www.neiu.edu/~hrd/mwr2p09/index.html
Midwest Research to Practice Conference

*In Adult, Continuing, Extension and Community Education*

**Embracing the Moment:**
*Adult Learning in a Time of Change*

Website and registration at
http://www.neiu.edu/~hrd/mwr2p09/registration.html

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**October 21-23, 2009**

Northeastern Illinois University
5500 North St. Louis
Chicago, Illinois 60625

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**Sample of papers to be presented**

- **Fostering Cultural Learning Through Literature**
- **HRD - Where Humanism Meets Capitalist**
- **New Approach to Educating Rural Women and Girls in Africa: The Case of Malawi and Mali**
- **Mom and Dad Got Game: Video Gaming as a Route Toward Developing Digital Literacies Among Displaced Blue-Collar Workers**
- **The Improvisational Theater Art Form in Theory and Practice: How an Innovative Adult Pedagogy Informs Critically Reflective Thinking**
- **Armed Conflict, Adult Education, and Social Change in Asia, Africa, and Latin America**
- **Power and Push: A First Step to Understanding the Lived Experience of School Leavers through Sibling Narratives and Ethno-Poetics**
- **Grounded Theory 101: Strategies for Research and Practice**
- **Agency Funded International Development Programs: An Inside Look at What Works and What Does Not**
- **Alain Locke’s “Beloved Community:” The Notion of Community, Culture, and Locke’s Political and Educational Thought in the Contemporary University Setting.**
- **Higher Education and Adults with Invisible Disabilities: Ready or Not, Here They Come**
- **Laundry and Learning: How Multitasking During Chats Affects Mindful Learning**

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Dan Swinney

Dan founded the Center for Labor and Community Research (CLCR) in 1982. CLCR is a not-for-profit consulting and research organization that specializes in developing innovative and effective High Road approaches to community development, industrial job retention, workforce education, and business development.

**Entertainment:**

- **Wednesday 5:00-7:30PM**
  Captain Bob Johnson and the Legends

- **Thursday 7:30 – 9:30 PM**
  Wind Ensemble Concert followed by the NEIU Varsity Jazz Big Band
CPAE Leadership

CPAE Executive Board Members

Chair: Mary V. Alfred (Term 2009-2010)
Past Chair: Henry Merrill (Term 2009)
Chair Elect: Elected November 2009 (Term as Chair Elect: 2010; Term as Chair 2011-2012)
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Vacant (Term 2009-2010)

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