**Wyoming Teacher Education Program**

**April 2015 Update**

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**UW alumnus Reutzel hired to lead College of Education**

On April 21st, Dr. Ray Reutzel was announced as the new College of Education Dean. Reutzel is a Wyoming native and a well-respected literacy and early childhood education scholar. He and his wife will be moving to Laramie in mid-summer and we hope that you will join us in welcoming him back to Wyoming and to UW. You can read more about Ray Reutzel [here](#).

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**Residency students submit edTPA portfolios**

Faculty members and district facilitators are currently supporting Spring 2015 residency students to complete their edTPA portfolios, which are due to be submitted by the end of the semester. The edTPA is a national teacher performance assessment, designed to help determine if a prospective teacher is ready for his or her first classroom. edTPA was developed by the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning and Equity (SCALE), in partnership with the American Association of
Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). More information about the edTPA can be found [here](#).

**College of Education Commencement**

The College of Education Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, in the UW Indoor Practice Facility. Our keynote speaker is Jillian Balow, Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction. More information about the ceremony can be found [here](#).

**Placements for Spring 2016 residency semester**

Faculty and staff in the College of Education are working hard with administrators and teachers from our partner school districts to establish high-quality placements for our students, focusing on the Spring 2016 semester. Most placements should be completed by the end of May, 2015, and students should be receiving notification of their placements throughout the late spring and early summer.

**Building literacy tutoring capacity**

A major capacity-building initiative with the potential to significantly expand the literacy resources available to the state’s school children heads toward a pilot phase in the UW College of Education. Dr. Dana Robertson, assistant professor in the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, is establishing a pilot that will engage teachers in tutoring their students, with support from the Literacy Research Center and Clinic. In the planning stages is a pilot project that will establish regional literacy clinics around Wyoming. For more information, see the news article [here](#).
Faculty members promote Google Science Fair

Dr. Tonia Dousay (Instructional Technology) and Dr. Andrea Burrows (Secondary Science Education) held a Google Hangout On Air on April 14th to provide information about the Google Science Fair. The session was recorded and can be found here. Information provided includes Google Science Fair rules, timeline, entry instructions, prizes, and teacher resources that can be used for the event. If you’re interested in the Google Science Fair, please contact Dr. Tonia Dousay (tdousay@uwyo.edu).

Science professional development available

Faculty members in STEM and in science education are active around Wyoming, providing teacher professional development in science and providing scholarship opportunities for students interested in becoming a science teacher. More information about professional development can be found at this link.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

June 26-29: National Network for Educational Renewal Summer Symposium, Laramie, WY
July 30-31: School Law Conference
October 2-3: Literacy Education Conference, Laramie, WY

Resources

- UW College of Education
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