

reaching out

Connecting Educators, Increasing Learning

Carrie Watson (BA '94, MA '04) believes it's important for teachers to know about Asia so they can teach about the region's history, politics, and culture in their classrooms.

"China and Japan are world economic leaders, and we need to know more about them," Watson said.

The Iowa City Tate High School teacher said she didn't know much about Asia until she signed up for the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia seminar in 2004. She became an NCTA seminar leader in 2006.

"I'm not an expert on Asia, but it's about growth and learning. The seminar is a real opportunity for teachers to get together and learn from each other," she said.

The 2007 seminar, funded by the Freeman Foundation and offered through the UI Center for Asian and

Pacific Studies, will take place over seven Saturdays this spring featuring several visiting scholars.

Chris Joslin, a West Des Moines middle school talented and gifted and social studies teacher attended the 2006 seminar. She said she left with many new ideas.

"The art of Japan and comparing war stories from Japan, China, and Europe will be part of my curriculum," Joslin said, "and I may teach about the meeting of cultures as when Westerners first met the Japanese and Chinese."

Secondary geography, world history, and world literature teachers are eligible to participate. For more information, visit www.uiowa.edu/~caps/Outreach/Service&Outreach.



Leader Carrie Watson increases learning about Asia.

education firsts

1969 Phys Ed Majors Lead Iowa's First National Tournament Team

They didn't have scholarships, screaming fans, or even their own uniforms, but the 1969 Iowa women's basketball team made up for it all with simply their love of the game. The team paved the way for future female athletes by being The University of Iowa's first women's team to participate in the first-ever national basketball tournament for women.



"In every person's lifetime, there are special events that stand out. This tournament experience is one of those for me," said team member **Karen Davis Williams** (BA '70). "Watching the NCAA tournament each spring brings back those great memories and the satisfaction that we blazed the trail for young women who play this great game today."

The 1969 team members, most of them Physical Education majors, played just prior to Congress passing Title IX in 1972—preventing gender discrimination in sports—before the NCAA included women athletes, and even before women played full-court basketball.

Team members say support from Education Prof. and Coach **Mildred Barnes** and Assist. Coach **Judith Clarke** (PhD '71) inspired them.

"Mildred Barnes was an exceptional leader for all of us," said **Fran Towle** (BS '69). "She had the foresight and vision for women's sports."

Jean Pohlmann Hammill (BS '69) said the team was "in awe" of Barnes. "We would have walked through fire for her," Hammill said.

Barnes coached at the UI from 1966 to 1969. She was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000 and has penned several important books on women's sports.

The 1969 team ended its regular season with a 6-2 record. In past years, that would have been the end of their play. But instead, West Chester State College in Pennsylvania invited them to be among 16 teams to participate in that first-ever tournament.

"I remember thinking how wonderful it was to be able to compete for the UI and conducting ourselves as symbols of what college girls could accomplish," said **Helen Brade Dauber** (BS '69).

Julie Less said she remembers being especially proud because for the first time they wore warm-ups displaying the school name—at the tournament they were allowed to borrow the men's team's jackets.

The team placed fourth in the tournament. Two Iowa players, Towle and **Sandie Cullin Herwig**, were named to the 12-member All-Tournament Team.

Current Iowa Women's Basketball Coach Lisa Bluder said she respects women like the 1969 team members, who played for the sake of playing.

"That's the way it probably should be," Bluder said. "That's the pure aspect of our game—it started just because they loved to play. They didn't play for the scholarships, the pats on the back, or the fan support. They played because it was fun."

School Counseling Program, Faculty Lead the Field

The North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision awarded The University of Iowa's School Counseling program with its 2006 Innovative Counselor Education Program Award.

"This award not only recognizes the School Counseling program," said Professor **Nicholas Colangelo**, "but also recognizes the emergence of the counseling needs of gifted students in counselor education programs."

The School Counseling faculty were invited to participate in the School Counseling and Career Education Mini-Summit at the Iowa Department of Education. Iowa was one of only six states selected to be a part of this new group.



School Counseling faculty L to R: Malik Henfield, Tarrell Portman, David Duys, Debra Johnson, and Nick Colangelo

Assistant Professor **Susannah Wood** was awarded the "Margaret, The Lady Thatcher Medallion" from The College of William and Mary, School of Education.

Assistant Professor **Malik Henfield** was appointed to the Iowa School Counseling Association's governing board.

Assistant Professor **David Duys** was elected to the Iowa Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

Associate Professor **Tarrell Portman** was one of 25 people selected to participate in the National Center for Education Statistics Institute on the 2005 National Indian Education Statistics Database. Portman was also sworn in as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for outreach with children and adolescents in need.



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ISEA Chapter and Sponsor of the Year



ISEA Chapter (L to R) Katie Spilman, Nancy Langguth (Sponsor), Stacy Duffy, Amelia Garfinkel, Susan Philos, Pia Bartolai, Maria Smith

The Iowa State Education Association's Student Program awarded The University of Iowa with its Chapter of the Year and Sponsor of the Year awards for work in building and maintaining a vigorous student program on campus. **Nancy Langguth**, coordinator for special site

student field experiences, serves as the chapter's sponsor.

ePortfolio Recognized as Best Practice

The American Association of School Personnel Administrators presented the C.S. Robinson Award to Ann Feldmann, executive director of Human Resources for the Cedar Rapids Community School District, along with Educational Placement Director **Rebecca Anthony** and Educational Technology Center Director **John Achrazoglou**. The award, recognizing innovative strategies in the Best Practices/Current Research of Professional Development Models, praised the team's efforts and effectiveness in their work with the innovative and highly successful ePortfolio project.



ePortfolio partners: Achrazoglou, Feldmann, and Anthony

"To help meet state-mandated performance-based teacher evaluation legislation, this team created a web-based ePortfolio, connecting teaching practices and performances to state standards, solved a logistics disarray of managing large volumes of teaching work, and created an effective production, presentation, and communication tool for the early-career evaluation process," said Cathy Skinner, AASPA Recognition Committee Chair. "The teachers relate it as a career-changing initiative—it inspires growth, charts progress, and is an easily reviewed assessment measure."

With the support of the School Administrators and the Association of School Boards, Skinner said, "the project resulted in a model of cooperation between the teacher's association, the district, The University of Iowa, and state agencies that then garnered the thanks of the Department of Education for promoting and paving the way for success of the state initiative for teacher accountability."

Constantine Elected President

The Iowa Chapter of the American Association of Grant Professionals elected Elizabeth Constantine, director of the College's Grant and Research Services Center, as their first president. "Through building and supporting an international community of grant professionals, a commitment to serving the greater public good can be achieved," she said.

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