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Vira Kivett: Women's College Woman of Distinction For her exceptional service to her alma mater and the community at large, Professor Emerita Vira Kivett will be honored as one the Women's College's 30 Women of Distinction. The award ceremony is Thursday, October 24, 2012. She will be honored with 29 other Women of Distinction. All graduates of the Women's College will receive an invite and of course the evening will also be open to other UNCG graduates and their guests. Cost for the evening is $25.00. The dinner will be held in Cone Ballroom beginning at 6:00pm. To register, go to https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UNCG/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=157217.

Robin Howse Publishes an Evidence-Based Guide for Smart Start Robin Howse (PhD, 1999) has published an evidence-based guide for Smart Start. In light of the North Carolina legislature introducing the requirement for Smart Start funds to go toward evidence-based and evidence-informed (EB/EI) activities, this guide compiles the evidence for many key Smart Start funded activities, including early care and education quality initiatives, child care subsidy, family support, early literacy, and health initiatives. It also provides the evidence for program coordination, evaluation, and outreach, common across nearly all partnerships. A summary of the programs and practices included in this document is included in Appendix A titled Programs and Practices At-A-Glance. The Guide is available online at no cost, go to http://www.smartstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/SmartStartEBEI_Guide1.pdf. Robin has been teaching at the university level, developing learning materials for both parents and teachers who provide care for children ages 0-5, and providing consulting services in the fields of early childhood development, K-12 education, and child and family services. She works as a consultant at Higher Peaks Research LLC in Black Mountain, NC and is adjunct faculty at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College.
**Catherine Scott-Little and Esther Leerkes in the Greensboro News and Record**

Dr. Catherine Scott-Little was interviewed for a Greensboro News and Record feature on the start of the school year. Catherine underscored that research evidence shows children who have quality early education experiences are "better off in lots of different ways." Those students tend to have better self-control and are more comfortable following rules and building relationships with their peers, Catherine said. See:


Esther Leerkes was recognized by the News and Record in its Business Achievements and Milestones feature for her appointment to the National Institutes of Health's Center for Scientific Review board to be a member of the Psychosocial Development, Risk and Prevention Study Section through June 2019. Her appointment was also featured in UNCG's Campus Weekly,

http://ure.uncg.edu/prod/cweekly/category/people/#sthash.EnCyvb3t.dpuf

**Congratulations to Bridget Hatfield, New Oregon State Faculty Member**

HDFS congratulates Bridget Hatfield on her appointment as an Assistant Professor in Oregon State University's College of Public Health and Human Sciences. Bridget received her PhD from our HDFS Department in 2010. She then did a two year post doc at the University of Virginia. Reflecting back on her UNCG experience, she writes that she had "a great experience as a grad student and thinks very highly of the faculty." She is now encouraging talented undergraduates to join UNCG's HDFS graduate program. We are very proud of Bridget and her accomplishments.

**Fall 2013 Speakers HDFS Speakers (Fridays, Stone 186)**

October 4th, 12pm: Jessica Dollar, Ph.D. Stone 186

November 1st, 12pm: Esther Leerkes, Ph.D. Stone 186

December 6th, 12pm: Jon Tudge, Ph.D. Stone 186

**Gerontology Lunch and Learn Speakers (11:45am, Wednesdays, Edwards Lounge, Stone)**

October 2, Dr. Jennifer Etnier “Move It or Lose It: Evidence for the Cognitive Benefits of Exercise”
November 13, Steve Fleming (CEO of Well Spring Retirement Community) Topic: Administrative Leadership of Retirement Communities plus Educational and Research Collaborative Opportunities with the Well Spring Retirement Community