Biweekly during the academic year we share with you Family Matters: HDFS News Briefs, a report of good things that are happening to UNCG's Human Development and Family Studies family and friends (e.g., faculty members, students, alumni and interested parties). Please send us your GOOD NEWS! Forward this email to a friend.

Family Matters: HDFS News Briefs

January 30, 2013

Welcome!: This is the first of what we hope will be a series of brief newsletters form the Human Development and Family Studies Department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The purpose of these briefs is to bring news of what is happening within the department and to people associated with the department, especially students and alumni. The plan is to do a biweekly posting during the academic year with scheduling flexibility should it be appropriate. The emphasis will be on the good things that are happening, spiced with personal milestones and a dash of research synthesis from time to time. If you wish to be removed from this list, click here to send a message with the subject "Unsubscribe." However, we hope you will like this information and contribute items yourself!

Heather Helms gives convocation address. Professor Heather Helms gave UNCG's fall 2012 convocation address. She offered students four lessons that she abbreviated Y2BU. Find your why. Be mindful. Be brave. Unite with others. Click here for the press release or for the full address.
Mark Fine publishes book. In December, Mark Fine published a book *Handbook of Family Theories: A Content-Based Approach* with Routledge. Instead of the commonly followed theory of the week text approach to teaching theories, Mark and his coeditor Frank Fincham had contributors each address a different developmental and/or family issue from the various theoretical viewpoints that have been advance to help understand it and guide research on it.

Anne Fletcher weds. Over the holiday break, Anne Fletcher married her fiance Michael in a lovely ceremony attended by family members. Anne's elder daughter and her new husband's elder son were the official witness to the wedding. See picture above!

Kari Adamson (UNCG, PhD) Helps Children Deal with Violence. In the wake of the Newtown, Connecticut shooting tragedy, HDFS is proud that HDFS' former doctoral student, Kari Adamson, is the Connecticut State coordinator, facilitator, and facilitator-trainer for the American Psychological Association's ACT Raising Safe Kids program, an internationally-implemented parent education program focused on educating parents and caregivers about the ways children ages birth to eight are exposed to and involved in violence and how to help buffer children from violence and its effects. [http://actagainstviolence.apa.org/](http://actagainstviolence.apa.org/) Our department is also discussing initiatives of what we can do here in North Carolina.

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