



## Education E-news

"A school should not be a preparation for life.  
A school should be life."  
Elbert Hubbard



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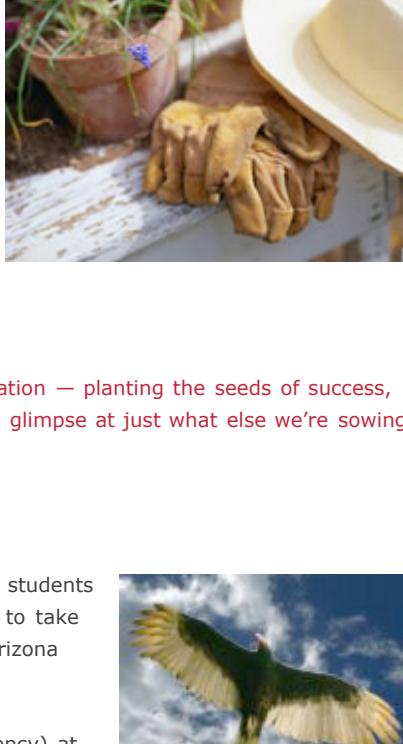
Fall is right around the corner (Sunday, September 23), and with the — hopefully! — cooler temperatures, this is a great time to get out in the fresh air for some gardening. Not only will you have the satisfaction of a beautiful garden, you'll also get in some effective exercise. Spending 30 minutes doing the following activities burns quite a few calories. Take a look:

Raking: 162 calories  
Trimming shrubs: 182 calories  
Weeding: 182 calories  
Mowing with a motorized push mower: 182 calories  
Mowing with a push mower: 243 calories  
Laying sod: 202 calories  
Chopping wood: 243 calories  
Digging or shoveling: 300 calories  
Planting seedlings: 162 calories

We do quite a bit of planting at the College of Education — planting the seeds of success, for one. This issue of Education E-News gives you a glimpse at just what else we're sowing around here.

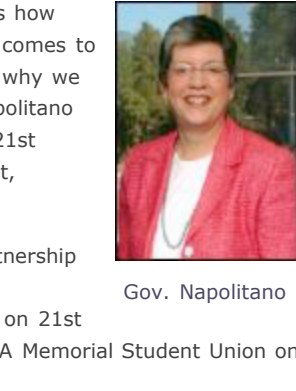
## Project SOAR Takes Off

A mentoring program for underserved middle-school students in some of Tucson's poorest neighborhoods is about to take off, thanks to two major gifts to the University of Arizona College of Education totaling \$418,000.



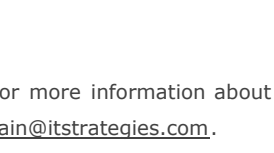
Project SOAR (Student Outreach, Access, and Resiliency) at the College of Education is an innovative service-learning class offered for college credit through the Center for the Study of Higher Education. Students from all over campus take the class, which prepares them as mentors and tutors for younger students throughout Tucson. "The College of Education places particular emphasis on establishing the relevance and importance of our research to major issues of educational practice faced by schools and communities," says Ronald W. Marx, dean of the college.

Find out [more here](#).



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## Embracing 21st Century Skills

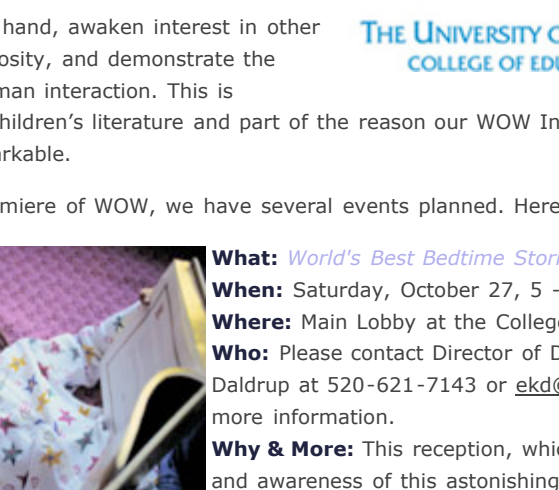


The College of Education knows how essential proficiency is when it comes to the future of education. That's why we work closely with Governor Napolitano to develop statewide recommendations on how to incorporate 21st century skills into teacher preparation, professional development, assessments, and youth development programs.

The College of Education, the Governor's P-20 Council, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and state education leaders and policy-makers are gathering for a summit, called the Arizona Summit on 21st Century Skills. This far-reaching assembly will be held at the UA Memorial Student Union on Thursday, October 25.

Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, honorary chair, and College of Education Dean Ronald W. Marx will open the summit. The keynote speaker is West Virginia Superintendent of Schools Steve Paine.

Summit sponsors include the Arizona Education Association and the Arizona Technology in Education Alliance plus:



For more information about the summit, please contact Maureen Cain at [cain@iststrategies.com](mailto:cain@iststrategies.com).

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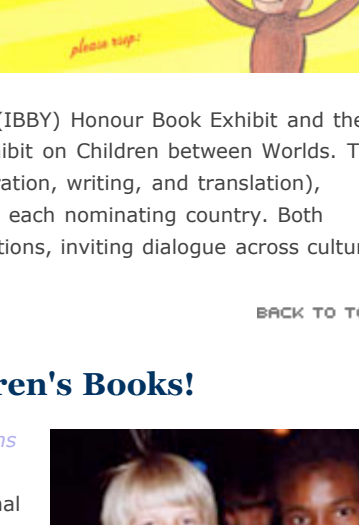
## Introducing: Worlds of Words

The College of Education is delighted to announce Worlds of Words: International Collection of Children's and Adolescent Literature. WOW is the largest international collection in the United States, and it's right here in the College of Education, hidden in our basement.

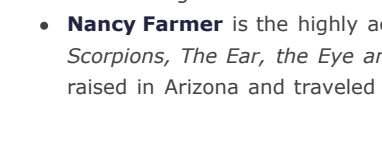
It's a magical place — a place where lives change, thanks to the power of books. In fact, there's only one larger international collection in the world, and it resides in a medieval castle just west of Munich.

Language, Reading & Culture Professor Kathy Short is the driving force behind the collection. "Most children obtain their knowledge through television with its focus on catastrophe, terrorism, and war. This often leads to superficial understandings, grounded in fear and stereotypes, leading to a lack of understanding about world cultures."

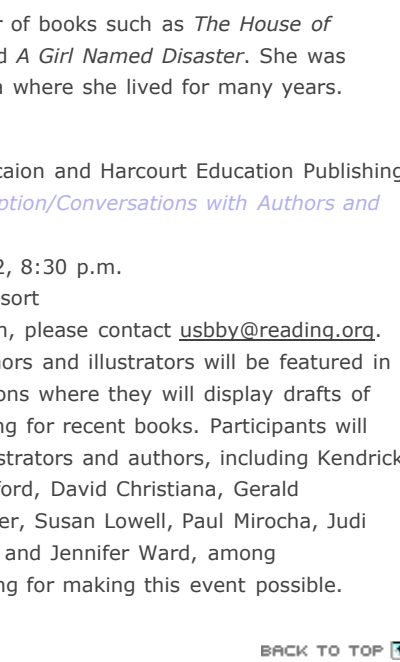
Books, on the other hand, awaken interest in other cultures, arouse curiosity, and demonstrate the unifying force of human interaction. This is particularly true of children's literature and part of the reason our WOW International Collection is so remarkable.



To celebrate the premiere of WOW, we have several events planned. Here's the breakdown:



**What:** *World's Best Bedtime Stories Reception*  
**When:** Saturday, October 27, 5 – 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Main Lobby at the College of Education  
**Who:** Please contact Director of Development Nina Daldrup at 520-621-7143 or [ekd@u.arizona.edu](mailto:ekd@u.arizona.edu) for more information.  
**Why & More:** This reception, which includes rare finds and awareness of this astonishing collection, includes hors d'oeuvres, personal tours of the WOW International Collection, and two traveling book exhibits — one from Munich!

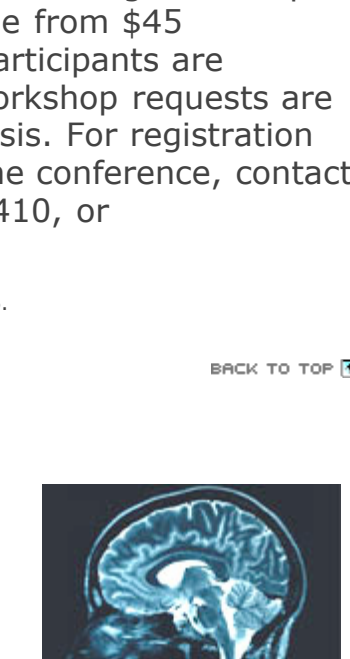


**What:** *WOW Open House*  
**When:** Saturday, December 8, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**Where:** WOW International Collection of Children's and Adolescent Literature, College of Education, Room 104  
**Who:** Professor Kathy Short will be your guide for this free and amazing tour of the collection. Please contact her for more information at 520-621-1843 or [kshort@u.arizona.edu](mailto:kshort@u.arizona.edu).  
**Why & More:** The Open House will include the 2006 International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Honour Book Exhibit and the Munich International Youth Library Traveling Book Exhibit on Children between Worlds. The IBBY exhibit contains three books (one each for illustration, writing, and translation), representative of the best in children's literature from each nominating country. Both exhibits address cultural divides and intercultural relations, inviting dialogue across cultures.

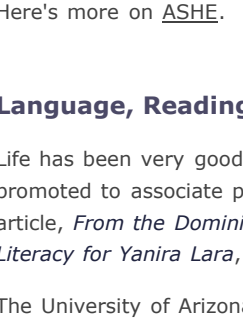
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## Still More in Celebration of Children's Books!

**What:** *Children between Worlds: Intercultural Relations in Books for Children and Young Adults*, the Seventh International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference  
**When:** Friday, November 2 — Sunday, November 4  
**Where:** Westward Look Resort  
**Who:** For more information, please contact [usbby@reading.org](mailto:usbby@reading.org).  
**Why & More:** This is a rare opportunity to interact with international authors and illustrators — from Japan, England, the West Bank, Ghana, Mexico, and the U.S. — and explore intercultural relations through a program of distinguished presenters, including:



- **Yuyi Morales** — artist, author, puppet maker, Brazilian folk dancer, and a former host of a Spanish-language storytelling radio show — wrote and illustrated *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book* and illustrated *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*, both of which won numerous awards
- **Ibtisam S. Barakat**, an award-winning Palestinian-American writer, poet, educator, and founder of Write Your Life seminars, will talk about her recent book, *Tasting the Sky*, the story of her Palestinian childhood.
- **Meshack Asare** from Ghana, West Africa, is a children's author and illustrator whose work is regularly translated into different languages including German, Danish, Swedish, and Japanese. His book, *Sosu's Call*, was published in the U.S. after winning the 1999 UNESCO Prize for Children's and Young Adult Literature in the Service of Tolerance.
- **Tayo Shima**, Japanese children's book editor, lecturer, and consultant, will talk about the ways in which picture books as art are able to traverse time and culture. She is from Tokyo and has spent her life promoting children's literature internationally.
- **Monty Roessel**, a Navajo photographer and author of *Songs from the Loom and Kinalidá*, will chair a panel of American Indian authors and illustrators, including Shonto Begay and Roberta John.
- **David Almond** has received many awards in his home country of England for novels such as *Skellig* and *Kit's Wilderness*. His most recent novel, *Clay*, is on the USBBY's Outstanding International list.
- **Nancy Farmer** is the highly acclaimed author of books such as *The House of Scorpions*, *The Ear*, *the Eye and the Arm*, and *A Girl Named Disaster*. She was raised in Arizona and traveled widely in Africa where she lived for many years.

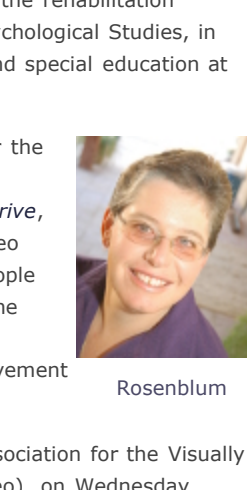


**What:** The College of Education and Harcourt Education Publishing present *IBBY Dessert Reception/Conversations with Authors and Illustrators*  
**When:** Friday, November 2, 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Westward Look Resort  
**Who:** For more information, please contact [usbby@reading.org](mailto:usbby@reading.org).  
**Why & More:** Arizona authors and illustrators will be featured in special roundtable discussions where they will display drafts of their illustrations and writing for recent books. Participants will have an opportunity to informally talk with these illustrators and authors, including Kendrick Bannally, Stephen Buchmann, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford, David Christiana, Gerald Dawavendewa, Chris Gall, Juanita Havill, Ronald Himler, Susan Lowell, Paul Mirocha, Judi Moreillon, Janette Rallison, Guy Porfirio, Joan Sandin, and Jennifer Ward, among others. Special thanks to Harcourt Education Publishing for making this event possible.

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## Making Connections: Children, Parents, and You

**Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children Conference**  
Saturday, October 13  
7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
UA College of Education



Join keynote speaker Debby Buchanan as she explores the importance of literature in connecting with families. Buchanan, the coauthor of *This House is Made of Mud/Esta Casa Está Hecha de Lodo* — selected to be given to every first grader in the state through Governor Napolitano's landmark program to promote literacy — has inspired countless children and educators through more than 200 author appearances and writing workshops around the world.

The conference includes numerous pioneering workshops plus breakfast and lunch. Prices range from \$45 (members) to \$60 (nonmembers). Participants are encouraged to register early since workshop requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For registration forms and more information about the conference, contact [kazzybessey@20-903-9000](mailto:kazzybessey@20-903-9000), ext. 410, or [sazzymanager@gmail.com](mailto:sazzymanager@gmail.com).

Registrations must be postmarked by Saturday, October 6.

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## How Do You Learn?

How do the people, objects, and events in your life affect your learning?

Scholars from all over the world will discuss unresolved challenges that connect sociocultural theory and second language learning during the 14th Annual Sociocultural Theory and Second Language Learning Research Working Group at the UA College of Education October 25-27, 2007.



Faculty and graduate students across campus have been invited to explore pedagogical applications (curriculum design and course development, pedagogy and methodology, teacher cognition, TELL, etc.) and data analysis.

Our very own Luis C. Moll, associate dean for Academic Affairs and professor of Language, Reading & Culture at the College of Education, is the featured speaker. He is an authority on connecting culture, psychology, and education, especially as it relates to the education of Latino children in the U.S.

The conference is already at capacity, but you can find out more at [www.coedu.usf.edu/scr/2007/](http://www.coedu.usf.edu/scr/2007/), or contact Assistant Professor Ana Christina Iddings at [aiiddings@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aiiddings@email.arizona.edu) or Sultan Turkan at [sultant@email.arizona.edu](mailto:sultant@email.arizona.edu).

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## Faculty & Staff News

### Educational Psychology

**Assistant Professor Hugh Crethar** has been appointed president of Counselors for Social Justice, a division of the American Counseling Association.

**Associate Professor Sheri Bauman** is the new editor of the *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, a publication of the Association for Specialists in Group Work, a division of the American Counseling Association.



Bauman

**Bauman** also recently wrote *Essential Topics for the Helping Professional*, a book published by Allyn & Bacon, which covers eight critical issues — sexual abuse, eating disorders, self-mutilation, suicide, substance abuse, grief and loss, sexual minority concerns, and trauma and violence. The book gives readers an overview of these issues, including a definition and description of each problem, with sections on prevalence, developmental issues and patterns, assessment strategies, treatment options, counselor issues (with a special note for school counselors), ethical concerns, and additional resources. Each chapter includes an authentic case study as well as exercises that encourage readers to extend their understanding.

### Higher Education

You might just say **John Cheslock** had a busy summer. The assistant professor at the UA College of Education was catapulted into the limelight amid heated news conferences and debates, landing him in the pages of *The New York Times* and *USA Today* and on stage with the likes of tennis great Billie Jean King. At the center of the debate was whether or not men's participation in sports has declined since Title IX went into effect. Look for his story in an upcoming *UA Alumni* magazine and our *Imagine* magazine.

**Cecilia Rios Aguilar** joined the Higher Education faculty this fall and brings expertise in statistical analysis and survey design. The assistant professor comes to the UA College of Education from the University of Rochester.

**Assistant Professor Regina Dell-Amen** also joined the faculty and brings expertise in the study of community colleges, pointing out the pivotal role these institutions play in American society. She received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University and comes to us from Penn State.

**Professor Jeffrey F. Milem** has been elected president-elect (2009-2010) of the Association for the Study of Higher Education. ASHE is the professional association for those who do research in higher education. Milem will bring an in-depth understanding of public policy, as well as institutional and organizational experiences, to the presidency as a recent member-at-large, along with his activities in other professional organizations.



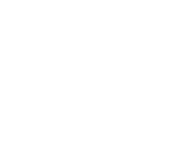
Milem

Doctoral student **Judy Marquez Kiyama** was elected to the ASHE Board of Directors. She is focused on enhancing the experiences of graduate students and the ASHE community.

Here's more on [ASHE](#).

### Language, Reading & Culture

Life has been very good for **Eliane Rubinstein-Avila**. She was just promoted to associate professor with tenure and she also published an article, *From the Dominican Republic to Drew High: What Counts as Literacy for Yanira Lara*, in the prestigious *Reading Research Quarterly*.



Rubinstein-Avila

The University of Arizona has teamed up with CONACyT, the Mexican Council for Science and Technology (equivalent to the U.S. National Science Foundation) in order to provide a new source of funding for Mexican graduate students. We're happy to report that doctoral student **Carmen Fimbres** has received a Mexican CONACyT Fellowship. Here's more on the [Mexican National Council for Science and Technology](#). (Note: This site is in Spanish.)

Doctoral student **Juanita L. Watters** presented a paper, *How We Talk about Some Contact-Induced Language Change: Immigrant Words and Impure Language*, at the Third Symposium on Language Policy, held in Toluca, Mexico.

### Special Education, Rehabilitation & School Psychology

**Assistant Professor Chih-Chin Chou** is a new faculty member in the rehabilitation program. She joins us from the National Institute of Education, Psychological Studies, in Singapore. She completed her Ph.D. in rehabilitation psychology and special education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004.

Kudos to **Adjunct Associate Professor L. Penny Rosenblum**. For the last several years, she has been working on a video, *Reclaiming Independence: Staying in the Driver's Seat When You No Longer Drive*, with the American Printing House for the Blind. The 40-minute video introduces Syd, Wilbert, Josephine, Blanche, Gary, and Johnny, people who had to give up their drivers' licenses because of vision loss. The program follows them as they talk about adjusting and developing strategies for maintaining their independence and community involvement as nondrivers.



Rosenblum

Rosenblum is hosting a video premiere at the Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired, 3767 E. Grant Road (an agency Syd refers to in the video), on Wednesday, October 10, from 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Rosenblum at 520-621-1223 or [rosenblu@u.arizona.edu](mailto:rosenblu@u.arizona.edu).

### Admissions, Advising & Student Services

**Kerith Morriss**, an advisor at the College of Education, had been appointed to serve as a UA ombuds. The Ombuds Program assists all members of the university community in informally solving problems and resolving conflicts while promoting alternatives to more formal adversarial processes. You can contact Morriss at 520-621-7865 or [kerith@u.arizona.edu](mailto:kerith@u.arizona.edu).



Morriss

For more information about the Ombuds Program, please visit <http://ombuds.arizona.edu>.

### Western Regional Equity Network

**Joseph M. "Mike" Tully**, WREN's support systems analyst, has been appointed to the board of directors of the International Bullying Prevention Association. His duties as a member of the all-volunteer board are to oversee media relations, including working on Web content, drafting articles, and interacting with media. The IBPA is an active and growing organization dedicated to the prevention of bullying and cyber-bullying in schools. For more information, contact Tully at 520-626-4627 or [jtully@u.arizona.edu](mailto:jtully@u.arizona.edu).

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### Multicultural Community & Career Expo

You are cordially invited to attend the  
**2007 Multicultural Community and Career Expo**  
Thursday, October 11  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
UA Memorial Student Union Grand Ballroom



This is a unique opportunity to network with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the participating organizations: Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Tucson-Arizona Black Chamber of Commerce, Tucson GLBT, Chamber of Commerce, UA Asian American Faculty Staff and Alumni Association, UA Black Alumni Club, UA American Indian Alumni Club, UA Greater Phoenix Hispanic Alumni Club, UA Multicultural Centers, and local, national, and international employer recruiters.

The event, hosted by UA Hispanic Alumni Club in collaboration with UA Career Services and UA Diversity Resource Office, is free and includes refreshments and prizes.

To R.S.V.P. or for more information, contact Patsy Klein at 520-626-6473 or [patsyk@email.arizona.edu](mailto:patsyk@email.arizona.edu) or Oscar Lujan at 520-626-9327 or [lujano@al.arizona.edu](mailto:lujano@al.arizona.edu).

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### In the News

Check out these links to some terrific stories about the College of Education.

Great coverage on our [UCATS program can be seen here](#). (Note that Arizona Board of Regents member Dennis DeConcini was among the stellar delegation of education officials!)

Here's one about our new [Science Education Scholars Program](#).

And here's one on [our new living-learning community](#).



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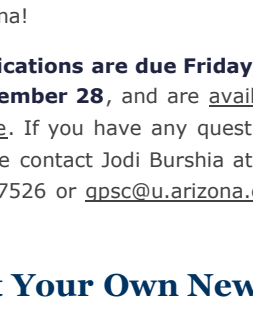
### Upcoming Events



The UA College of Education Department of Educational Psychology proudly presents one of the world's most respected experts on bullying in schools, Ken Rigby of the University of South Australia, on Saturday, October 13.

For more information on this full-day workshop, see the [brochure here](#). PDF

### Students: Showcase Your Research and Creative Projects!



2006 Showcase Winners

The Graduate and Professional Student Council invites you to participate in the 15th Annual Student Showcase during Homecoming weekend, November 2. The fair is comprised of student projects from across campus. Panels of judges assess the projects, and prizes are awarded to the best projects to both undergraduate and graduate students in 12 different categories — from education to engineering to science.

This is a wonderful opportunity to display your research and creative projects, get recognition for and feedback on your work, win prizes, and show the Tucson community what we do at the University of Arizona!

**Applications are due Friday, September 28**, and are [available online](#). If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Burshia at 520-626-7526 or [gpsc@u.arizona.edu](mailto:gpsc@u.arizona.edu).

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