

FALL NEWSLETTER

From the Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Xiao-lei Wang, PhD
Dean

Welcome to the fall of 2023! With eager anticipation, we set sail into a new semester, fueled by our steadfast dedication to "Education for Well-being" and our relentless pursuit of cultivating global-minded professionals.

Within the pages of this fall newsletter, I am delighted to present a snapshot of the vibrant tapestry that unfolded within our college over the summer months.

As we transition into the fall semester, we will relish in the radiance of our summer accomplishments and eagerly propel our college to new heights.

Carol Ammon Conference Room



This June, we were thrilled to unveil the dedication of the Carol Ammon Conference Room, in honor of our generous donor, Carol Ammon.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that we are dedicating a conference on AI in pre-K to 12 classrooms to Carol Ammon, in honor of her support of our college.



PRE-COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences



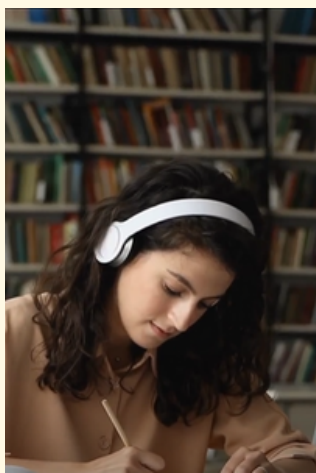
On Monday, May 8, the Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences honored all graduates from the **Class of 2023**. Dean's Awardees were recognized for their hard work and dedication, and **Community Awards** were given to members of the community who had brought honor to Adelphi University. Donor **Carol Ammon** delivered the Pre-Commencement Address, and alumni Troy Walker, Grace Qi Hu and Paola Rodriguez delivered inspiring speeches for the **Class of 2023**.



A photograph of three people walking outdoors in front of a modern building with large glass windows. On the left is a young woman with long dark hair wearing a black top and blue jeans. In the center is a young man with dark hair wearing a black leather jacket over a white hoodie and light blue ripped jeans. On the right is an older woman with dark hair wearing a brown jacket and grey pants, carrying a brown bag. A large yellow semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the text "EDUCATION FOR WELL-BEING" in white serif font.

EDUCATION FOR WELL-BEING

VIEWPOINT VIDEO



Our college's "Education for Wellbeing" approach to health science and higher education has gained significant recognition, and is being showcased in a broadcast by Viewpoint in 50 states. The video features interviews with Dean Wang, Dr. Greg Bouris and Ruth S. Ammon students.



PAOLA RODRIGUEZ



During her 2023 Pre-Commencement Ceremony speech, Paola Rodriguez explained that it had been a journey that led her to Adelphi. After a career change and much determination, Paola graduated with her MS in Speech-Language Pathology. Paola will be starting as a Bilingual Speech Pathologist at PS/MS 280 in the Bronx this fall.

How did Adelphi University prepare you for what's ahead?

Adelphi taught me to be resilient. Also, since I studied abroad in Italy, it taught me to be dynamic, to come out of my shell a little bit.

What was it about Speech-Language Pathology that spoke to you?

The aid of bilingual and multicultural students. I'm bilingual myself, I was born in the country and raised in Colombia. I'm passionate about providing people voice.

What is your favorite Adelphi memory?

Definitely studying abroad. I am so grateful for the experience of going to the schools, because we went to several different schools in Italy. Every single aspect of the cities we went to had a historical component, a learning component. It wasn't just about teaching, it was also about the culture. It was a very comprehensive course.

What would you want current students to know?

Please take advantage of every single opportunity you get while you're at Adelphi. Take advantage of the classes provided, and touch base with professors.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences

Professor Rita Verma, PhD, is the chief editor of a journal titled *Critical Debates in Humanities, Science and Global Justice*. The Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences is proud to sponsor the inaugural issue, in which Dr. Verma and her colleagues are working with high school students, inviting them to submit original scholarly work for publication.

Professor Christopher Mellor, PhD, along with a colleague from the University of Memphis received the Research Grant from the Spectrum Institute for Teaching and Learning for their project titled Investigating the Role and Use of the Spectrum in Modern PETE Programs.

Professor Carl Mirra, PhD, is currently working with Ukrainian schools and the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine on a civic education/social emotional learning project. They are co-developing curriculum with teachers and examining the impact of war on students' resilience and values (growth mindset, desire for political participation and tolerance). Dr. Mirra traveled across the country to observe schools, from the capital city to the contact line to gain an understanding of the varied challenges facing Ukrainian schools. This July, Dr. Mirra was appointed to the Editorial Board for the Journal of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv), Theoretical and Methodological Problems of Children and Youth Education.



School children in Kovel, Ukraine, who are wearing Adelphi t-shirts and holding up books donated by Adelphi professors



A lecture and discussion on civic education at Dominanta Educational complex high school in Kyiv



Donetsk, eastern Ukraine

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Our Ruth S. Ammon faculty continue to be prolific in their work. Below are highlights of faculty publications and presentations this summer.



Professor Sladjana Lukic, PhD

Lukic, S., Kosik, E.L., Roy, A.R.K. et al. Higher emotional granularity relates to greater inferior frontal cortex cortical thickness in healthy, older adults. *Cogn Affect Behav Neurosci* (2023).



Professor Kevin Mercier, EdD

Simonton, K. L., Mercier, K., Richards, K. A. R., & Gaudreault, K. L. (Online ahead of print). The association of perceived mattering and emotions with physical educator teacher resilience. *European Physical Education Review*.



Professor Carl Mirra, PhD

Mirra, C. (June 2023) Beliefs and Values in Oral History Projects [Paper Presentation]. Edcamp National Conference, Bukovel, Ukraine.



Vice Dean and Professor Erik Swartz, PhD

Dr. Swartz presented The NATA Position Statement on Reducing Intentional Head-First Contact Behavior in American Football Players and Reducing Head Impact Exposure in American Football: The HuTT808 Trial at the FWATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium on July 13 and 14, 2023, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.



Dean and Professor Xiao-lei Wang, PhD

X.-L. Wang presented a paper titled "A longitudinal study of multilingual children and youths' conversation styles" at the European Conference on Language Learning in University College London, SOAS, and University of London on July 15, 2023.



Professor Meredith Whitley, PhD

Whitley, M. A., Cooper, J. N., Darnell, S. C., Carter-Francique, A. R., & O-Rourke-Brown, K. G. (2023). A critical examination of race and antiracism in the sport for development field: Reimagining and recreating spaces for true racial inclusion and equity [Special Issue]. *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 40(2).

Welcome

Please welcome our new faculty and staff at Ruth S. Ammon
College of Education and Health Sciences.

Tamara Pelosi,
EdD



Early Learning
Center Director

Won Seok Chey, PhD



Assistant Professor of
Physical Education
(HSS)

Juntack Oh, PhD



Assistant Professor of
Physical Education
(HSS)

Hariklia (Harriet) Proios,
PhD



CSD Department Chair

Alyssa SooHoo, PhD



Assistant Prof of Early
Childhood-Special Education
(SOE)

Marie Esperancilla Wicks,
MS

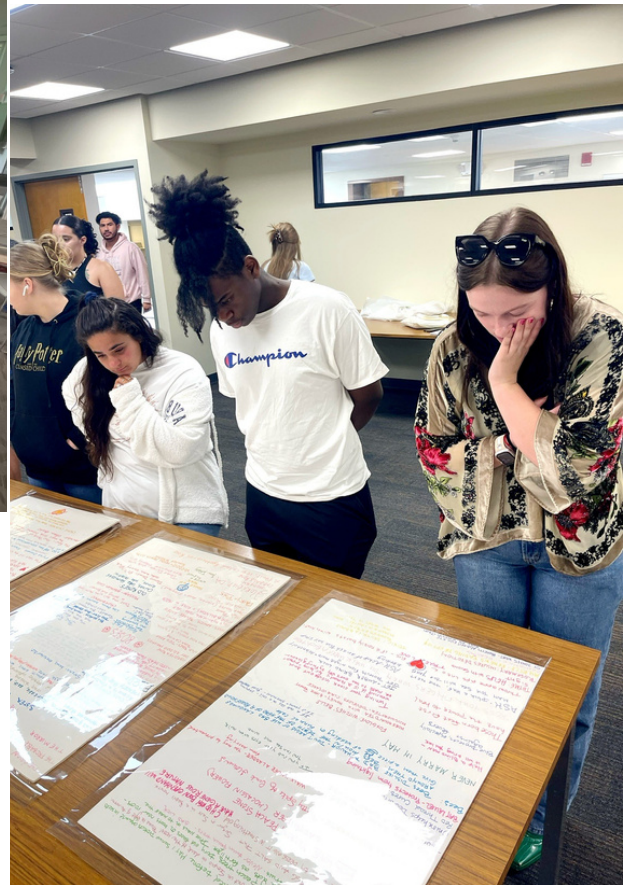
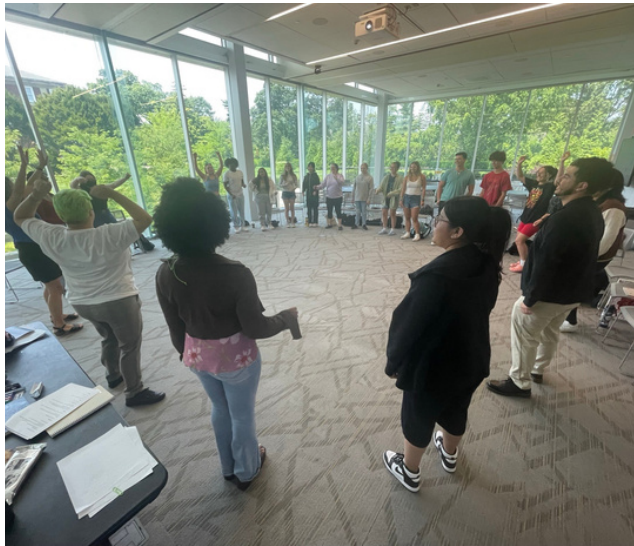


Coordinator of Advisement,
Office of Student Success

Promotions

Meredith Whitley, EdD, and Pavan Antony, PhD, were approved for promotion to Full Professor in the June Board Meeting, effective Sept 1. We would like to extend our congratulations to Dr. Whitley and Dr. Antony!

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



The Alice Hoffman Young Writers Retreat

The Alice Hoffman Young Writers Retreat at Adelphi University has been running for 19 years as of July 2023. The retreat invites talented high school writers to work with Adelphi graduate students and visiting authors in a multigenerational workshop. Highlights this year included a morning with Jan-Henry Gray, author of the acclaimed poetry collection: *Documents*.

This year Professor Rob Linné worked with archive librarians to pull examples of the writing process from the Alice Hoffman papers, housed at Adelphi. Students found this “behind-the-scenes peek” into the stages of drafting a novel fascinating and inspirational.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE



CLIMATE AND VEGETATION



Multilingualism Projects

Students in Dr. Clara Bauler's Community, Schools, and Society classes had the opportunity to work on projects with virtual exchange students in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Sevilla, Spain. Students communicated internationally via Zoom, and collaborated on creating magazines or websites together.

Other students produced podcasts on varied topics on sociolinguistics, including idioms in different languages, and how multilingualism is viewed in the classroom, and assumptions, ideologies and beliefs about the English language. Students shared their work on the [@AUmultilingualism](#) Instagram page. Follow along for more!



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



The Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences was proud to co-sponsor the International Conference on Special Education in Thiruvananthapuram in India this July.

Dr. Stephen Shore and Dr. Pavan Antony attended and spoke at the conference. Dr. Stephen Shore was the keynote speaker.

RUTH S. AMMON CEHS IN INDIA

Dr. Stephen Shore and Dr. Pavan Antony met potential future students at an admissions table, and spoke to them about Special Education Programs offered at Ruth S. Ammon CEHS, including the Advanced Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (Non-Teacher Certification) and the MS in Childhood Special Education Studies (Non-Certification track.)



STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN LONDON

Professor Meredith Whitley Along With Graduate Students Kiano Brodie and Em Fallin Evaluated the Laureus Sport for Good Summit in London This June.



"AS A DEDICATED STUDENT, I BELIEVE THAT IMMERSING MYSELF IN THIS KIND OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE THE MOST REWARDING ASPECT OF MY GRADUATE EDUCATION."

-Kiano Brodie

LAUREUS SPORT FOR GOOD SUMMIT

The Laureus Sport for Good Foundation hosts an annual global summit in which they bring elite athletes, global leaders, and their grantees (leaders of 'sport for social change' organizations around the world) together to connect, learn, and grow. The summit was held in Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London this year.

Our college sponsored the attendance of two graduate students, Kiano Brodie and Em Fallin. Both students are first-year graduate students in Manhattan majoring in Sport Management and specializing in Sport-Based Youth Development.

"It was an incredible experience for all of us, especially the two students," Professor Whitley said. "They learned so very much, and also made some really valuable connections for their careers!"

INTERNATIONAL COURSES



Upcoming International Courses

Exploring Italy: Unveiling the Rich Tapestry of Italian Culture, Winter Intersession 2024

All students and alumni from Adelphi are welcome to participate.

Destinations include Florence, Venice, Rome, Sorrento, Pompeii, Tuscania, Viterbo and more! For more information, email Dean Xiao-lei Wang or JeanMarie Ignatiadis (xlwang@adelphi.edu, jmignatiadis@adelphi.edu).

Service Learning in Kenya, January 6-18, 2024

This 1-credit course combines a service-learning experience with a total immersion into Kenya's culture, traditions, food and scenery. Students will design and implement service-learning projects for the Caroline School, a K-8 school in Wangige, Kenya. For more information, email Dr. Esther Kogan or Dr. Anne Mungai (kogan@adelphi.edu, mungai@adelphi.edu).

Travel to Kingston, Jamaica, Winter Intersession 2024

This 3-credit course is open to graduate students in the Speech-Language Pathology program who can demonstrate clinical experience. The course begins with four synchronous online classes of learning about global speech-language pathology and Jamaican culture. Email Miriam Velsor or Dr. Ianthe Dunn-Murad for more information (mvelsor@adelphi.edu, murad@adelphi.edu).

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

On July 19, Dean Wang and Rector Maia Gurgenzidze of the British Teaching University of Georgia met in Oxford, UK, and continued the discussion on the collaboration of our two institutions. We look forward to the future of our partnership with the British Teaching University of Georgia.

