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Welcome to the School of Education and Social Policy e-mail newsletter for alumni and friends. We will keep you up to date on our SESP faculty, students and alumni as well as our research and programs.

SESP Headlines

New Video and Strategic Plan Show SESP Vision for the Future
Visit the SESP home page to see the new video, “Making Things Better,” which shows how SESP is improving people’s lives. Our new strategic plan outlines the SESP vision for the future.

View the video and strategic plan ...

James Spillane Addresses Education Leaders in Singapore, Hong Kong
Professor James Spillane shared his insights on school leadership with education leaders, educators and researchers in Hong Kong and Singapore at major conferences.

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New Funding Boosts Fuse Program for Innovative Science Learning
Fuse engages youth in science, technology, engineering, and math through hands-on exploratory challenges. New funding from the MacArthur Foundation will allow the after-school program to expand.

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Faculty and Student News

Carol Lee Advances Education Internationally
Professor Carol Lee is advancing education research on a global scale through her work with the World Education Research Association. She is co-chair of the task force on poverty and opportunity to learn.

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Uri Wilensky Wins NSF Grants for Science Learning Technology Projects
Professor Uri Wilensky received National Science Foundation grants for two major new projects aimed at helping high school students learn science better with cutting-edge technologies.

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Campus Leaders Reach Out to Others
From community service to athletics and entrepreneurship, SESP undergraduates demonstrate leadership on campus. Meet Lauren Ackerman, Kameron Dodge, Aria Fiat, Jessica Holden, Meesoh Kim, Kate Mattax, Levi Mele, Daniel Nissani, Ellyn Pena, Becca Portman, Laura Santamaria and A.J. Tomiak.

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SESP Opportunities Fund Supports Student Initiatives
The SESP Opportunities Fund encourages innovation and service in extracurricular initiatives. Last year Mark Birhanu, Jessica Holden, Ellyn Pena, Heather Polonsky, Erica Rodriguez, Aireale Rodgers, Lauren Saunders, Ali Szemanski and Jasmine Wiggins received grants.

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Alumni Update

Alumni Discuss Career Paths with Undergraduates
A career event with alumni over Reunion Weekend informed undergraduate students about potential careers and reinforced connections with alumni.

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Chris Grodowski (MS03) Receives Middle School Art Teaching Award
Christopher Grodowski (MS03), an art teacher at Franklin Middle School in Wheaton, Illinois, received the award for 2012 Illinois Middle School Art Educator of the Year.

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Maddie Orenstein (BS10) Wins Fulbright to Research in Chile
Maddie Orenstein (BS10) won a Fulbright fellowship for 2013 to study education in Chile, specifically high school students’ activism for college access.
Events

Ceremony Honors Dan McAdams as Henry Wade Rogers Professor
Dan McAdams, widely known for his significant contributions to narrative psychology, became Henry Wade Rogers Professor in Psychology on December 7. McAdams is a professor in the Human Development and Social Policy program.

Attend SESP Events
SESP events and activities are featured at http://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/newsCenter/events/

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