

# College of Education Diversity Newsletter

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## An educator in Residence

### Dr. Sharon Shields

Dr. Sharon Shields, professor in the Department of Human and Organizational Development at Vanderbilt University, will be on campus February 4, 5, and 6, 2002. She will be available, upon advance request, to visit classrooms and share her scholarship and expertise in the area of service learning. Her focus will be how we engage the process of moving from awareness to social justice advocacy. Dr. Shields will demonstrate and model in class activities and teacher education strategies that can be used to address social justice advocacy through service learning. Information on how to incorporate this important teaching and learning medium into the classroom experience may also be explored.

Dr. Shields was and is the driving force behind Vanderbilt's service learning curriculum. More information will be circulated soon.

## Brown Bag Series

Last month Xuejun Shen (Ina) from Shanghai and Ronggui Wei (Heinz) from Taiwan discussed the similarities of the Chinese and American educational systems. The presentation was well received and thanks goes out to both students.

## Principalship Scholar

### Dr. Rima Karami-Akkary

Dr. Rima Karami-Akkary, a cross-cultural scholar, who has consulted in both the United States and Lebanon on Education Administration and Supervision, will be in residence in the College of Education in early March 2002. Dr. Karami-Akkary has worked extensively on the principalship and will share her work and perspectives. She will also present a special session to College of Education Masters and Doctoral International students—focusing on thesis and dissertation work in a second language. Stay tuned for more information.

## Kwanzaa Celebration

The Black Student Alliance is hosting a Kwanzaa Celebration this Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Little Wood River Room. It will last about an hour and there will be food and fun. Come and celebrate with them.

## ESL-Education 460

Dr. Angela Luckey will be teaching Education 460, 5:00 p.m. on Thursday nights during the Spring Semester. Please encourage interested students to enroll.

## Aid for Friends

Please donate canned food and \$1 to the Aid for Friends drive. The College of Education's Intergroup Council of student groups within the College of Education is sponsoring the drive.