

MIZZOU ADVANCE

A National Science Foundation and University of Missouri Program

Save the Dates!

August 2009

Mizzou ADVANCE has a full line up of programs for the fall semester. Below are a few of the events open to all STEM faculty. Please mark your calendars and RSVP to MizzouADVANCE@missouri.edu. Go to the Mizzou ADVANCE website for a full schedule of events.

- **September 22 & 23: 8:00 a.m.-noon, Memorial Union**

Drs. Barbara Butterfield (University of Michigan) and Jane Tucker (Duke University) will hold a workshop entitled "Balancing Your Career Portfolio" to help STEM faculty and administrators harmonize all of their competing interests.

- **October 6: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Reynold's Alumni Center**

Mizzou ADVANCE is holding a reception, sponsored by MU's NSF ADVANCE grant, for anyone currently, or interested in being, involved with the program. This is an opportunity to network with Mizzou ADVANCE participants and find out what the program is all about.

- **October 21: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 572 Life Sciences Center**

Guest speaker Paul Ladehoff, Director of Campus Mediation Services and Training Coordinator at the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, will hold a workshop on conflict resolution. This workshop is a Lunch & Learn, so please bring your own meal.

Upcoming Events...

- **September 2: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 572 Life Sciences Center** - Training for Mentors and Mentees

- **September 9: Noon-1:30 p.m., S110 Memorial Union** - "Frank talk and help solutions for women entering the academy" (Preparing Future Faculty Program)

- **September 11: 3:00 p.m., 108 Geology (Geological Sciences)** - Interactive Theatre Performance

- **September 15: 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., 325 Strickland Hall** - STRIDE Meeting

- **September 21: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m., 325 Strickland Hall** - Mizzou ADVANCE Steering Board Meeting



The Mizzou ADVANCE Steering Board met on August 24, 2009 to make plans for the academic year (some members are not in the photo).

Faculty Spotlight

- Congratulations to **Dr. Bruce McClure**, Professor of Biochemistry, who was recently awarded a Faculty Fellowship by his department. The fellowship recognizes excellence in science education and community outreach. In particular, Dr. McClure is commended for his efforts in fostering the Saturday Morning Science series in Missouri.

People are Talking About ...

- **August 5 - Inside Higher Ed:** A recent study has rebutted the myth that the field of engineering suffers from poor retention of female students. In fact, "women -- though a minority in [engineering] programs -- are as likely as men to remain in them."

- **July 30 - Inside Higher Ed:** A study done by the Education Department's National Center for Educational Statistics has found that STEM majors tend to receive degrees or certificates at a higher rate (54.9%) than their peers in non-science or technology majors (50.6%). The study was done on students who enrolled in post-secondary education in 1995-96.

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