

MIZZOU ADVANCE

A National Science Foundation and University of Missouri Program

Next month marks a milestone for Mizzou ADVANCE: our external evaluator, Dr. Laura Kramer, will be visiting MU to conduct a comprehensive review of the program.

Dr. Kramer is a Professor Emerita of Sociology and Women's Studies at Montclair State University. From 2007-2008, she served as Program Director for ADVANCE at the National Science Foundation (NSF). She currently consults with ADVANCE projects, having served as the external evaluator to New Mexico State University, the University of California at Irvine, and Utah State University.

On Thursday, November 19 and Friday, November 20, Dr. Kramer will visit Mizzou to meet with key administrators, STEM faculty and ADVANCE participants. A detailed agenda for her visit is available at <http://mizzouadvance.missouri.edu/Kramer-schedule.pdf>.

In conjunction with her visit, she will review evaluation data collected by the program in the past three years, including Institutional Research data and findings from interviews with STEM faculty. Dr. Kramer will then report her findings and recommendations to Mizzou ADVANCE and NSF.

Upcoming Events...

- **October 30, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.:** Interactive Theatre Performance
- **November 9, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.:** Interactive Theatre Performance, Townsend 204
- **November 10, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.:** STRIDE Meeting, 325 Strickland Hall
- **November 16, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.:** Steering Board Meeting, 325 Strickland Hall
- **November 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:** Lunch & Learn with Kathryn McFarland, PhD
- **November 19 & 20:** External Evaluator Visit

October 2009



A panel of experienced faculty presented tips for success to graduate students considering faculty careers during a Preparing Future Faculty event on October 14.

Faculty Spotlight

To increase the number of Missouri high schools that offer physics courses, MU physics professors are partnering with Missouri school districts, local colleges and organizations. The "A TIME for Freshman Physics" program recently received a \$5 million grant from NSF to fund a five-year teacher development program for 80 ninth-grade science teachers. Congratulations to program director **Meera Chandrasekhar** and co-investigators **Dorina Kosztin**, **Dorina Mitrea**, **Debi Hanuscin**, and **Sara Torres**.

People are Talking About ...

- **October 15** - Chronicle of Higher Education: It's not easy, but "being a department chair can be a tremendously rewarding experience...when it comes to making a difference in people's lives every day, you really can't beat it."
- **October 15** - Chronicle of Higher Education: In an advice column, the blogger, Female Science Professor, notes that "it is possible to be a reserved soft-spoken scientist and still enjoy a talking-intensive career in academe."
- **September 25** - Chronicle of Higher Education: "Candidates looking at potential positions, especially for their first jobs, probably underestimate the value of a good campus climate."

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