The Department of Teaching & Learning Principles
HAPPY Hour Committee
and the Academy for Teaching, Learning and Leadership present the

2008 HAPPY Hour Student Showcase

January 26, 2008
8:30AM—3:00PM

Teaching Academy and Education Complex Buildings
UCF’s Main Campus
Orlando, FL

Pre-Service Teacher Professional Development
8:15 AM Onsite Registration: ED 174
8:45 AM Opening Session: Welcome and Introductions
Education Complex Gymnasium
9:00 AM From Blank Page to Book
Steve Swinburne
9:45 AM Vendor Exhibits Open, TA Atrium
10:00 AM Session I Presentations, Teaching Academy
10:45 AM Break
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11:00 AM Session II Presentations, Teaching Academy
11:45 AM Lunch Break - Lunch on your own
Vendor Exhibits Open, TA Atrium
12:30 PM Session III Presentations, Teaching Academy
1:15 PM Break
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1:30 PM Session IV Presentations, Teaching Academy
2:30 PM Closing Session: Thank You's, Door Prizes
Education Complex Gymnasium
Welcome to the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase

The HAPPY (Having Active Participation Prepares You) Hour Student Showcase is presented by the University of Central Florida’s College of Education Department of Teaching and Learning Principles and hosted by the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership.

The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase is designed to be a forum for undergraduate education students to share their best work with their peers in a mini-conference venue. It is a tremendous opportunity for students to enhance their scholarship and presentational skills. It also affords students professional development experiences they can add to their ever-growing resumes. This year’s Showcase welcomes keynote speaker Mr. Stephen Swinburne, a life-long naturalist who loves sharing his passion for nature and exploring wild places. And as an author, he loves writing about wildlife and this amazing and beautiful planet we share.

The Showcase is a collaborative effort among the HAPPY Hour Committee and Ms. Donna Leinsing and Ms. Alice Bamberger of the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership. Academy staff worked tirelessly scheduling the presentations, designing the conference program, copying countless evaluation forms, and handling the Conference registration. Technology support has been graciously provided by the numerous individuals under the leadership of Mr. Larry Jaffe, Director of Technology & Facilities. Undergraduate students have selflessly volunteered to work alongside HAPPY Hour faculty and student presenters during registration and the presentations. Benie Harris, Facilities Coordinator, dedicated his time on a Saturday to oversee the set-up and tear-down of the Education Complex Building facilities used for the Showcase. Einstein Bros. Bagels agreed to be open on a Saturday to provide attendees a venue for breakfast. Faculty and vendors generously dedicated door prizes to bring the Showcase to an exciting conclusion. Everyone contributed instructional materials for A Gift for Teaching. The Showcase truly exemplifies collaboration.

We hope you enjoy the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase and leave with many innovative, creative, and inspirational ideas that you can apply when you have your own students. Thank you very much for your participation.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Hynes

Dr. Michael Hynes, Chair, Department of Teaching and Learning Principles
Do you want to come along as we journey to the wild side? We’ll peek into a black bear den, travel to Yellowstone National Park to listen for wolves and slip underwater and snorkel beside Florida manatees.

As a life-long naturalist, Steve Swinburne loves sharing his passion for nature and exploring wild places. And as an author, he loves writing about wildlife and this amazing and beautiful planet we share.

He says, "Growing up I wanted to be an adventurer (whatever that is!) or a naturalist or marine biologist. Ever since I can remember, I've put words on paper and I feel so fortunate to make a living writing, exploring new places, learning about the amazing creatures we share this planet with."

Steve Swinburne was born in London, England. When he was 8, he left England with his family and sailed on the Queen Elizabeth to New York City. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in Biology and English from Castleton State College, VT. He loves to travel and observe nature and wildlife. A safari in Africa, hiking in Scotland, monitoring sea turtles on a Georgia island, a winter trek through Yellowstone and watching shorebirds in New York have all led to book projects. He has also worked as a ranger in a number of national parks.

When Steve is not writing and photographing children's books, he loves to sing and play Beatles songs on his Gibson guitar, garden, read, travel with his family and take pictures.

Steve's photography has appeared in magazines such as Country Journal, Vermont Life, Garden Design, Family Fun and Highlights for Children.
CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT & DISCIPLINE: IS THERE REALLY A DIFFERENCE?  
Audience:  K-12  
Presenter:  Jason Ampel  
Room: TA 117

Some people have a preconception that classroom management and discipline are one and the same, but they are not. Come experience the tools that an educator must have in order to create the characteristics of a well-managed classroom. We will discuss the four facets of organization, communication, monitoring, and delivery of instruction, and how these are the four key components of an effective classroom environment. It is not what you do, but how you do it.

YOUR HO-HUM IS MY TOTALLY AWESOME: BECOMING A STUDENT PRESENTER  
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Room: TA 322

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MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LEARNING CENTERS  
Audience:  Elem.  
Presenters:  Brittany Kester, Tara Schwartz, Erin Warren, Tia Flikkshaug, Melinda Ragland  
Room: TA 201

Participants will be engaged in creating elementary classroom learning centers that are versatile and innovative for all subjects and learners. The ideas shared can be used in multiple subject areas and easily integrated into your everyday curriculum.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & APPRECIATION

The Conference Committee wishes to extend a very special thank you to the following individuals for contributing to the success of this conference.

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SESSION I (10:00—10:45 AM)

HELP STUDENTS TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR READING WITH LITERATURE CIRCLES  Audience: K-12

Presenter: Kristina Robbins  Room: TA 110/116

Do you want to learn more about an innovative teaching strategy that will motivate your future students to read? Attend this workshop to get students excited about reading quality literature of their choice and yours! Participants will engage in hands-on activities and group work. You will learn about literature circles and how to conduct literature circles in your internship and future classroom. Resources provided!

WHAT IF THEY ALL HATE MATH!? TREATING THE "I HATE MATH" DISEASE  Audience: K-12

Presenters: Joy Lin, Cecillia Lin  Room: TA 303

How many times have you heard the claim "I hate math"? Help your students become aware of the sources of frustration in math classes! Learn how to promote interest and provide understanding of mathematical concepts through the use of different instructional activities, materials and technology. During the workshop, you will be involved in exploring, discussing and sharing various ideas. Handouts provided.

THE JAPAN TOUR  Audience: K-12

Presenters: Min Sun Kim, Ashlee Feder, Abassali Wali Mohamed, Eric Smith, Alvin Mui  Room: TA 301

Take a tour of Japan that you will never forget and gain knowledge about this beautiful culture. You will be immersed in this culture through a great presentation, and engaged in fun activities. There will be free food and you will receive a comprehensive handbook about Japan, including teaching strategies and ESOL modifications.
SESSION I (10:00—10:45 AM)

LET’S MAKE MUSIC...MUSICAL CLASS BOOKS, THAT IS!

Audience: Early Childhood

Presenter: Krystal Peterson Room: TA 203

Did you know you can energize your students by incorporating music into your classroom and still reach many of your literacy goals? Join me for a session on creating musical class books. These books target all your aspiring authors, student illustrators, and second language learners. You will see this strategy in action by viewing a first grade class presenting their musical big book on video. You will then make your very own musical class book. By the session’s end, you will be full of ideas on how to integrate music and literacy in your classroom at the same time!

HELPING ESOL STUDENTS HELP THEMSELVES:

A+ ASSESSMENT

Audience: K-12

Presenters: Camila Bowen, Jennifer Guastafeste Room: TA 204

Don’t know how to fairly assess your ESOL students? You will learn about successful assessment procedures and the multiple resources available to help you address the needs of your ESOL students. You will be engaged in fun, hands-on activities and group work to put into practice what you learn. Help ESOL students help themselves.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

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Presenter: Sidney Moss Room: TA 221

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CLOSING SESSION:  2:30—3:00 PM

Presenter:  Dr. Karen Verkler, HAPPY Hour Committee Chair
Room:   Education Complex Gymnasium

Closing Remarks, Thank-You’s and Door Prize Drawings

Note:  Only participants who are present during the drawings are eligible to win a door prize.

Please remember to complete your HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Evaluation Form (blue) and drop it off at the registration table or give it to a student assistant. Thank you for your feedback.

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HELP...MY CLASSROOM IS NAKED!!!    Audience:  K-12

Presenters:  Kori Ferlise, Erin Davidson Room:  TA 117

When you walk into an effective classroom, it is always decorated nicely and looks amazing. That’s because the teacher in that room has made it look that way. The room does not come dressed up when you first get there and it’s a long and tedious process to get it looking that good. Learn tips on how to dress up your naked classroom!

LITERATURE CIRCLES: MAKING READING PERSONAL AGAIN    Audience:  Elementary

Presenters: Kristin Waters, Rita Inman Room: TA 130

Learn about the benefits of literature circles and how to solve potential problems. You will receive explicit information about planning and facilitating successful literature circles in the elementary school. Book lists will be given.

OK, I HAVE A WORD WALL. NOW WHAT DO I DO WITH IT?    Audience:  Early Childhood and Elementary

Presenters: Angelia Kasser       Room:  TA 201

Ok, I have a Word Wall. What do I do with it? We have words students need to learn, but don’t know fun activities to motivate students. You will participate in activities using Word Walls, spelling words, vocabulary words and many other words you will have in the classroom.
HOT OFF THE PRESS: HOW TO MAKE WRITING PERMANENT
Audience: K-12

Presenter: Stacy Berger
Room: TA 322

Want to create confident student writers? Increase students' skills and self-esteem in writing through the publication of their work. Learn how to incorporate various publication activities and projects into the writing program in your classroom. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to create an example of a permanent publication for use with students. They will also receive a comprehensive handout of ways to creatively share students' writing.

PRE-WRITING: THE PRE-REQ FOR SUCCESS!
Audience: K-12

Presenters: Zephyr Wilkins, Dorie Withey
Room: TA 110/116

The pre-writing strategies that will be shared in this presentation are several of the many techniques that Dorie Withey, a Teach for America alumna, used to bring her students up more than two grade levels on standardized tests! Regardless of your intended field or grade level, these strategies will give light to effective communication skills for both you and your students.

COUNTING ON READING COUNTS!
Audience: Elem.

Presenters: Staci Camhi, Ashley Fox
Room: TA 303

Do you wish there was a way to motivate all students to read more? With Scholastic’s Reading Counts Program, students can earn points by taking comprehension-based quizzes on their favorite books. The more books students read, the more points they can earn, which they can then use to receive rewards! In this workshop, participants will learn why teachers use this program and how to implement it in their future classrooms to encourage students to read!

FILE FOLDER GAMES- A FUN WAY TO REITERATE SKILLS WITHOUT BEING MUNDANE
Audience: Elementary

Presenter: Amy Alderman
Room: TA 203

File folder games are available in a wide variety of areas including phonics, comprehension, math facts, vocabulary and more. They are easy to make and never become old to students because you can trade them out often. In this presentation, we will create a file folder game and discuss the multiple ways they can be used in the classroom.

MIND MORPHING MAGIC
Audience: K-12

Presenters: Jessica Testa, Ivy Duffy-Erskine
Room: TA 204

Learn about the magic of morphology, the formation of words. Discover the interesting origin of words and how words were adopted from other languages. Through fun, hands-on activities, participants will learn to how to blow students’ minds by incorporating word forming exercises into their classrooms. Enhance your students' literacy skills and test performance through mind morphing magic. Be ready to learn, get involved, have fun!

WAIT! GIVE ME MORE TIME TO THINK, PLEASE.
Audience: K-12

Presenter: Alia Kasem
Room: TA 221

Would you like to learn the secret behind getting the desired responses from your students? Then you should not miss this "wait time" strategy workshop. Participants will be engaged in valuable activities that will benefit them as well as their students. Participants will be given examples of how to use the strategies in different subject areas and will leave with some goodies that will be useful in their entire teaching career.
SESSION IV (1:30—2:15 PM)

FCAT SCAFFOLDING STRATEGIES  Audience: K-12
Presenter: Zephyr Wilkins  Room: TA 110/116

What is the purpose of communication? Your students may have a very different answer than the makers of FCAT. So how do you make FCAT relevant to students (other than threatening them with not graduating)? You’ll have to attend this presentation to find out.

POWERPOINTLESSNESS  Audience: Secondary
Presenter: Gina Descheneaux  Room: TA 303

Your students have been ‘plugged in’ almost since birth and want to be visually stimulated. Here is your chance to learn simple tips on how to enhance your lessons with a PowerPoint presentation. The presenter will be using a PowerPoint of China to highlight the do’s and don’ts of creating a PowerPoint.

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CRAFTY CURRICULUM FOR THE HOLIDAYS  Audience: Elementary

Presenters: Amy Robinson, Lindsay Spennacchio  Room: TA 203

Are you sick of using the same old worksheets to teach your students about holidays? Spice up their lives and yours with different crafts that you can incorporate into your curriculum whenever a holiday occurs! You will be able to see and create a holiday craft that will be both fun and easy to take to your future classroom. Space is limited, so come, take a seat, and get crafty!

LEADERSHIP SKILLS: TEACHING COLLABORATION THROUGH FOURTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM  Audience: Elementary

Presenter: Megan White  Room: TA 204

Learn how to incorporate leadership and collaboration skills in the elementary curriculum. The presenter will share a 4th grade curriculum on leadership and collaboration. Learn about a curriculum that comprises journal prompts, historical fiction, and group activities based on the founding of Jamestown with a unique focus on collaboration between the Native Americans and Jamestown colonists.
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**MANIPULATING IDLE MINDS AND HANDS**  
**Audience:** K-12  
**Presenter:** Priscilla Alzamora  
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When you look out at your class, are sleeping, zoned out, and/or distracted students all you see? Do you feel like students aren't retaining ANYTHING from your lesson? All you need are a few tips on manipulating their minds and hands - simple ways to use manipulatives in any classroom (yes, even high school) to ensure that students pay attention and grasp concepts. A handout with a list of manipulatives for different levels/subjects will be provided.

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**LUNCH BREAK**  
11:45—12:30 PM

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**Vendor Exhibits Open**  
Teaching Academy Atrium

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**SESSION IV (1:30—2:15 PM)**

**MMM/MM/OOOOO/ P. FUN WAYS TO TEACH PHONEMIC AWARENESS**  
**Audience:** Early Childhood and Elementary  
**Presenter:** Gina Harris  
**Room:** TA 130

Come one, come all - We'll have a ball - Phonemic Awareness - That's our call. Learn some fun and exciting ways to teach phonemic awareness to pre-K through first grade students. Numerous activities, games, and methods will be explored. Participants will be actively involved during the presentation. A list of resources will be provided.

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**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW (ABOUT TEACHING HIGH SCHOOL), YOU LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN**  
**Audience:** Secondary  
**Presenters:** Ispa Iadanza, Arlene Garcia  
**Room:** TA 322

Secondary education major? Tired of feeling left out when it comes to management and fun in the classroom? Then this is the presentation for you! Learn how to modify all those ideas for elementary education to fit the needs of your subject area and your grade level. Be interactively engaged in taking control of your imagination and your classroom. Participants will receive a resourceful hand-out for use with their future classes.

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MISSION ORGANIZATION: TOOLS OF THE TRADE  Audience:  K-12

Presenter:  Amanda Read  Room:  TA 117

Looking for a tool to fix it all? This tool box is filled with every tool you need to get the job done, such as resources your students can use to hammer out grammar and writing errors. This tool box can help you nail classroom management skills and organize any classroom. Do not be too scared to build, expand, or refurbish some of these resources to fit your own needs or your own style. Happy Building!

TURN YOUR UNRULY STUDENTS INTO CHAMPS  Audience:  K-12

Presenters:  Virginia Harris, Hannah Miller  Room:  TA 117

Are you a teacher who has an unruly class and you are not sure how it got that way? Or are you a soon-to-be teacher who is unsure of the classroom management plan you want to use? Then come to the "Turn Your Unruly Students Into CHAMPS" workshop and learn about a great classroom management strategy that will make your and your students' lives easier.

USING LITERATURE TO CONNECT CENTERS ACROSS CURRICULUM  Audience:  Elementary

Presenters:  Patricia Kramnick, Jacqueline McGuire, Nicole Ryans  Room:  TA 130

In this presentation we will focus on how to include literature/books in all aspects of the curriculum. Participants will see examples of cross-curricular centers in action.

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GETTING 'WITH-IT': GOOD TEACHING STARTS WITH GOOD CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT  
Audience:  K-12

Presenters:  Kristen A. Sanders, Rebba Haynes  
Room: TA 110/116

The magic of teaching can't happen if there is chaos in the classroom. Our goal is to compromise between being a drill sergeant and a friend! This interactive presentation will address important, relevant topics including: thoughtful and effective classroom management; planning and development of rules and procedures; prevention vs. discipline; and different approaches to behavioral intervention. You will learn how to create a classroom environment that is safe, orderly and fun!

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THE EXPLORATIONS OF PONCE DE LEON  
Audience:  Elementary

Presenter:  Sarah McCarthy  
Room:  TA 303

Learn to create a whole class, interactive discovery lesson about the Spanish explorer, Ponce De Leon that was designed by the presenter and taught during her first internship. Experience this approach to teaching and how to integrate a Florida Studies weekly "newspaper" article about the history of De Leon through a PowerPoint presentation.

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GO, TEAM, GO! GET TO KNOW YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!  
Audience:  K-12

Presenter:  Amanda Myers  
Room: TA 301

Do your students know who the media specialist is in your school? How about the resource officer? Participants will receive a comprehensive handout outlining the creation of an activity and a game to facilitate students' understanding of the "players" on their school team. It will include various accommodations and other alternative ways for the game to be played as individuals, small groups, or with the whole class.

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MATH...FUN?  
Audience: Elementary

Presenters:  Nicole Pelletier, Toni Wachtel  
Room:  TA 203

Want to learn how to spice up your elementary math curriculum? Learn how to make math an exciting, enjoyable subject for you and your students through interactive mathematics games. Workshop participants will be actively involved in games dealing with topics such as basic facts, measurement, fractions, and more! Participants will receive a packet that includes directions for each game and helpful resources that will enable them to create a positive and stimulating math curriculum!

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KAPPA DELTA PI: PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT VIA AN INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION  
Audience:  K-12

Presenter: Jason Ampel  
Room:  TA 204

Come see what Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) can do for you! Join the presenter in discussing the importance of professional organizations as a means of personal and professional development. KDP is an honor society that has 50,000 members world-wide with the top 10% of educators in the U.S.
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