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## Joan Wink Receives Outstanding Professor Award

Dr. Joan Wink has been named the CSU Stanislaus 2006-2007 Outstanding Professor for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity. As part of the nomination process, a letter was submitted by Dr. Armin Schulz and colleagues from the College of Education in support of Dr. Wink. Below is a copy of that letter which highlights many of Dr. Wink's outstanding achievements. Dr. Wink has established a website that students and other individuals may access. On her website she shares works from her students, recent research and publications, and perspective steeped in a life of teaching. A quote from her webpage reads "My life informs my learning and my learning informs my life." Dr. Wink is an inspirational figure within our College, our University, as well as in the community. Congratulations Joan!

Dear Members of the Leaves and Awards Committee:

It is a deep honor and privilege to submit this collective faculty letter of support and endorsement on behalf of DR. JOAN WINK for the Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Award. She is truly a most deserving candidate for this award and for further recognition by the university. Her work in the areas of research, scholarship, and creative activities has been very extensive and has nationwide prominence.

Dr. Wink joined the Department of Teacher Education at CSU Stanislaus in 1991 after teaching for 18 years in the K-12 setting in five different states. She is a passionate educator dedicated to meeting the needs of all learners, especially those students from a culturally diverse background. Cultural literacy and the relationships between language, instructional models, and learning are key interests she pursues. She has served the department, the College of Education, and the university quite well in her 15 years on the CSU Stanislaus campus. Her IDEA evaluations are consistently in the HIGH range. She



Dr. Joan Wink

has been the chair for 38 successful Master's thesis candidates and served as a committee member on an additional 40 theses or projects. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and many other professional organizations.

In addition to being a highly effective instructor and advisor, Dr. Wink has authored and/or co-authored five published scholarly textbooks, including the following publications from Allyn & Bacon in Boston: *Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World* (2005); *Teaching Passionately: What's Love Got To Do With It?* (2003); and *A Vision of Vygotsky* (2002). A sixth text, contracted with Allyn & Bacon for publication in

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## OUR MISSION

The Mission of the CSU Stanislaus College of Education is the preparation of teachers and school service professionals. Specifically, the College prepares elementary, middle, and secondary-level teachers and school administrators, counselors, reading/language arts specialists, instructional technologists, special educators, and physical and health educators. Faculty are committed to meeting the rightful expectation of the public regarding education of effective and dedicated educators who exhibit competence, reflection, and a professional passion manifested in their advocacy for children and their communities.

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2007, is in progress entitled *Introduction to Teaching: Foundations of Education*. Additionally, Dr. Wink has numerous other publications to her credit including various articles in refereed journals and several chapters in other texts. She is a most prolific writer and researcher.

Dr. Wink also has been extremely active in presentations on her work in bilingual education and cultural literacy areas on the international, national, state, and regional levels. She is a much sought-after presenter of sessions, workshops, and key-note speeches. Her resume beautifully catalogues over 70 formal refereed or invited presentations made during the past 10-year period.

Most recently, Dr. Wink has been successful in acquiring a \$3.3 million dollar grant for the Department of Teacher Education and the College of Education. She serves as the principal investigator for CSU Stanislaus for a Teacher Quality and Recruitment federal grant. This grant involves a collaboration with UC Berkeley and area schools. The purpose of the grant is to recruit, support, and retain excellent beginning teachers in the local area schools. In order to meet this goal, the grant provides professional development of teacher preparation for undergraduate, graduate, student teaching, and induction stages (i.e. the first

two years of formal contracted teaching). Those involved in the grant seek to model, teach, and support culturally responsive instructional methods as developed by the Center for Research on Education, Diversity, and Excellence (CREDE) located at UC Berkeley. CREDE focuses on improving the education of elementary level students who are challenged by language or cultural barriers, race, geographic location, or poverty. Dr. Wink has been most active in facilitating and directing the organization and delivery of the grant's goals and objectives. She has established a wonderful collaborative with Modesto City Schools and is now expanding the outreach of the program as it enters its second year. Her efforts in this area have been extremely positive and have extended the university's outreach into the service region to an even greater extent.

It is indeed our deep pleasure to highly recommend the selection of DR. JOAN WINK as Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Professor. Her record is truly reflective of this honor.

Most Sincerely,

Dr. Armin R. Schulz, Professor of Reading—College of Education and Faculty Members from the Department of Teacher Education

## A Few Words from Our Interim Speaker and Editor

Since taking on the editorship of this newsletter in Spring 2005 and the COE clerkship in Fall 2005, a large part of my role as a COE faculty member at CSU Stanislaus has been dedicated to recording and spotlighting the achievements of students, staff, and faculty of our College. These past two years have been a period of constant learning, to say the very least. I have had the opportunity to work with and come to know so many of our talented, dynamic, and down right hard-working members. I have become nothing short of completely impressed with the aptitude and attitude of our College. We have engaged our students in numerous new K-12 collaborative projects, from math, science, and reading to physical education; we have secured multiple large external grants that provide students with resource support in their endeavors to become educators; we have graduated multiple students who have won research competitions and other distinctive awards; we have several faculty who have been nominated for teaching and scholarship awards – both on campus and in the community; we have several faculty members who continually conduct research, publish articles, books, and other scholarly works, as well as present at state-wide venues to international forums; and we have moved planets at the curriculum level, writing an entire doctoral program in preparation for implementation, as well as implementing several other program modifications to meet student and K-12 school worksite needs.

This 2-year period as COE clerk brought the opportunity to be interim-speaker for a semester. Initially I was plagued with apprehension in preparation for the sabbatical term of our speaker Elmano Costa, as the thought of “speaking” for our faculty seemed daunting. However, my anxiety has diminished as I have realized a most important thing during this interim position. With all of its accomplishments, this College speaks for itself!

**Shawna Young**