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From the Chair's Desk — Lora Beth Brown

We have an excellent session planned for the Annual Conference: “**New Visions from Different Angles: Innovative Methods and Perspectives for Nutrition Educators and Researchers.**” Speakers are:

Karol Chandler-Ezell, Assistant Professor, Anthropology Program at Stephen F Austin State University. She will speak on the use of “freelists” to gather info on food domains. Freelists are a simple tool for researchers and the person being interviewed. You just have people list things in a category. The subjects can then rank, evaluate, etc. the traits in their list, and the freelists

can be used to generate quantitative tools to use.

Ashley Aakesson, Executive Director of the Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti, will present on Positive Deviance Inquiry, which can be used to assess diets as well as other practices in caring for infants and young children. Positive Deviance looks at solutions for community problems internally, rather than bringing solutions externally. It looks at certain individuals (Positive Deviants) in a community whose behaviors enable them to find better solutions to problems than the rest of the community, even though

they have the same limited resources.

Laura Hutchinson is a PhD student at the University of Massachusetts. She has worked with Jean Anliker and Elena Carbone on the use of mini-cassette recorders where subjects talk about what they thought about as they choose foods to buy.

Many thanks to those who helped organize this session: Rena Quinton, Nurgal Fitzgerald, and Janet Chrzan.

Bring ideas to share at the Annual Conference in Atlanta

Share your creative ideas for assignments and activities we use in our classes – I know I've gotten some terrific ideas when I've seen what others are doing! We can have both a table and a poster board up throughout the AC (Annual Conference), so please help fill it with your great ideas.

We can post assignment instructions, worksheet pages, activity ideas, group projects, etc. on the poster board, and we can display booklets, games, and other complex items on the table. Plan to leave some of your business card with your hotel room number, so people can contact you during or after the AC for more information. EASY!

Please let me know (lorabeth_brown@byu.edu) if you'll have something (or several things) to display, and whether it will be on the poster board or on the table. Of course you can just bring things to the AC to display, but if we know ahead of time we can be sure to have enough space to display them.

Congratulations to 2007 Student Research Award Winners

Pascasie Adedze, Klaus Witz, Robin Orr, Sharon Donovan, University of Illinois. *Evaluation of the Healthy Moves for Healthy Children Program: Focus Groups with Head Start Teachers*

Jessica Doorn, Lydia Medeiros, Jeff Lejeune, Patricia Kendall, Mary Schroeder, John Sofos, Mawill Rodriguez-Marval, The Ohio State University. *Household Member Behaviors and Prevalence of Listeria Monocytogenes in the Home Environment*

Nicole Larson, Dianne Neumark-Sztainer, Mary Story, Melanie Wall, Lisa Harnack, Marla E. Eisenberg, University of Minnesota. *Longitudinal Predictors of Fruit and Vegetable Intake during the Transition to Young Adulthood*

Elana Natker, Garry Auld, Barbara Sutherland, Susan S. Baker, Colorado State University. *Development of Curriculum Assessment Tool to Ensure Theory Compliance*

Julie Shertzer, Alyce D. Fly, Janet P. Wallace, Indiana University. *Salient Consequences and Social Referents for Eating Breakfast Every Weekday: Qualitative Research with Employees at Indiana Worksites*



(L to R) Pascasie Adedze, Jessica Doorn, Elana Natker, Julie Shertzer (Nicole Larson not pictured)

Thanks to abstract reviewers — and an invitation to help

Thanks to those who volunteered to review students' abstracts for these awards. The willingness of so many to participate is a measure of the strength of SNE and members' commitment to it.

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Look for an invitation in February or March 2009 to help review abstracts for the 2009 Annual Conference. In preparation for that time we need several people to tweak the evaluation form for reviewing abstracts. If you are interested, let us know!

Volunteer opportunities in the Division

Issues/Resolutions Committee: When resolutions are submitted, they are reviewed in one or more conference calls with other representatives on the Committee. No resolutions were submitted for consideration at the AC in 2008. Nevertheless, we thank Pat Tschida for being "on call" this past year and for continuing with this assignment in this next year.

Advisory Committee on Public Policy (ACPP): The Division needs a Point Person on the ACPP, to provide input on issues that come up during the year. In the past year the ACPP responded to issues such as food labeling, sodium, the Farm Bill, Dietary supplements and food stamp benefits, and program priorities in the Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition. The Point Person will need to participate in conference calls as the need arises – let us know if you are interested in helping.

Review authors' CPE questions for JNEB articles: The Journal Committee needs 4 additional reviewers/editors for the quizzes. Reviewers should expect to read 2 articles and edit their associated quizzes in a year, with a 2-4 week turnaround time for each article. Volunteers will receive guidance on editing the multiple-choice quizzes. Please Contact Liz Crocket at execdir@reachny.org for more details.

Volunteers aren't paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

More opportunities to participate

Planning for next year (2009): The theme is Food Security: Local to Global. Please suggest ideas for next year's meeting. The Higher Education Division welcomes your input. Typically each Division proposes at least one session for the AC, and we'd like to meet your needs.

Welcome new members: Each month we get a list of new members of the Division. Be a member of the Welcoming Committee, to contact new members by phone or email.

Volunteers are welcome, even if you aren't able to attend the Annual Conference in person. Contact the Chair or Incoming Chair to volunteer.

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Random thoughts...

Use not only all the brains you have, but also all that you can borrow.

People have a way of becoming what you encourage them to be—not what you nag them to be.

Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently. Henry Ford

Look at it all and you climb the wall. Focus on one and you get things done!

Life is full of obstacle illusions. Grant Frazer

Alice: Would you please tell which way I ought to go from here? Cheshire Cat: That depends on where you want to go. Lewis Carroll

Today, the need for leaders is too great to leave their emergence to chance. Institute of Medicine Report 1998

Man's best friend, aside from the dog, is the wastebasket. Business Week

It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change. Charles Darwin
