



# Research in the College of Education

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- Active researchers
- Multiple projects
- Currently working on 17 grant-funded projects totaling \$8 million
- Working on multiple projects that are not funded by external grants



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## Funding

- Spencer Foundation/National Academy of Education
- National Science Foundation
- US Department of Education
- Internal grants
  - Dean's grants
  - Research and Artistry Grants



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- Role of mobile technologies in teaching life skills
- Alcohol, sport, and college policy
- Transition from high school to college
- History of college access and athletics
- Mental health, counseling, and identity
- School funding and implications from unequal funding distribution
- School lunch and nutrition policies



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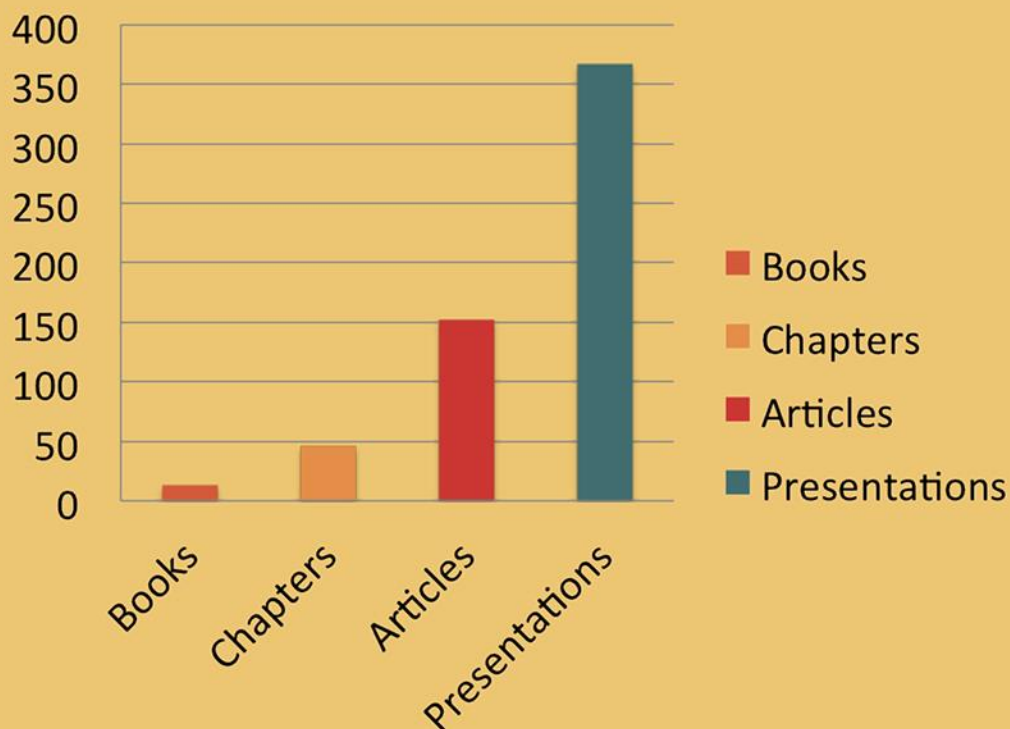
- Immediate applicability
  - K-12
  - Higher Education
  - Community Centers and Agencies
- Multiple partners
  - Nationally and Globally
- Involve students
  - Undergraduate and Graduate





College of Education faculty exemplify excellence through their scholarly publications. Here's the count for the year 2014.

## Faculty Productivity



Books: 13

Chapters: 46

Articles:  
152

Presentations:  
367

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- Reconfigured positions
  - Director of Teacher Preparation and Development
  - Coordinator of Professional Development
- Dean's Grants
- Workshops and events
  - Undergraduates
  - Graduates
- Student Research Symposium
- Writing Groups
- Research presentations



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- **Women's friendships**

- Formation of women's platonic friendships
- Significance women place on these relationships
- Changes in support networks and the value of support across the life span

- **Adult sibling relationships**

- Focus on the "critical incidents" that can bring together adult siblings
- Ways in which shared past history shapes and influences behaviors into adulthood





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- LGBTQ college students and their perceptions of campus climate
  - Using photography and images
- LGBTQ students' participation in academics and student life affected by sense of safety, support, and inclusion



# Promoting Personal and Social Responsibility through Sport and Physical Activity

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# An Overview of My Scholarship

- Positive youth development through sport
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility



# Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility (TPSR; Hellison, 2011)

## Responsibility Goals

- Respecting the rights and feelings of others
- Self-motivation
- Self-direction
- Caring
- Transfer



# Project Leadership

## Teaching Life Skills in an Afterschool Program

- Self-control
- Effort
- Teamwork
- Persistence
- Goal-setting
- Leadership
- Decision making





# Belizean Youth Sport Coalition

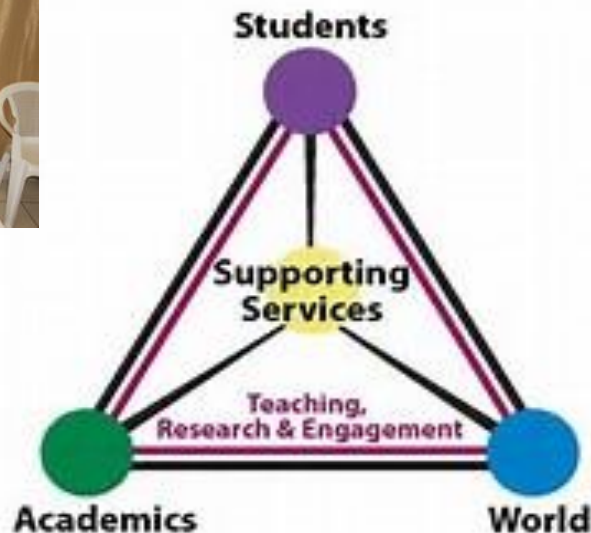
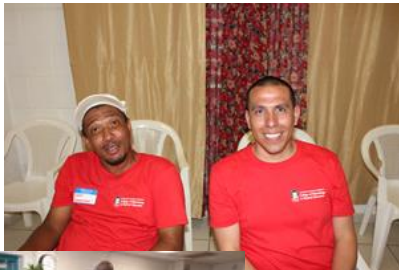
*To promote youth development and social change through sport and physical activity*



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# Putting the Triangle Offense to Work

- Training NIU students in research and practice
- Involving community partners
- Building collaborations



# **Thank You!**

## **Questions?**



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