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In Memory of U.T. Saunders



We are saddened to note the passing of U.T. Saunders, a long term consultant and friend to the Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education. A memorial service will be held March 1, 2008 at noon at the Arlington Street Church in Boston. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to 123 Walnut Street, Brookline, MA 02445. U.T.

Saunders, 59, was a longtime resident of

Brookline, Massachusetts. He died peacefully on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at Beth Israel Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

U.T. was born in Cleveland, Ohio, the first son of Ulysees Titus and Pearlina (Lyons) Saunders. He entered Kent State University in 1968 to pursue studies in psychology and moved to Boston in 1976 to complete a Masters in Education at Harvard University.

U.T. spent the last 35 years working as an Organizational Development Consultant. He was unique in his ability to work with public as well as private businesses and educational organizations throughout the country. U.T., ever the philosopher, was known to many as a connoisseur of jazz music and an audio file enthusiast. He was a brilliant thinker, loved people, and had a passion for social justice.

U.T. was a renaissance man: he loved music, art, philosophy, psychology, politics, sports, fashion, great food, good wine, family, community, and engaging conversations about all of his passions. He was widely loved and will be greatly missed. He is survived by daughter, Kelly of Phoenix, AZ; son, Brendan of Los Angeles, CA; and three brothers, Jerome and Brad of Cleveland, OH and Kenneth of New York City; a niece, Lourdes, many cousins, and innumerable beloved friends.

2008 Focus on Men and Boys in Early Childhood: Join Us for Two Events

Roundtable on Men and Boys in ECE

Join us for a Schott Fellowship Panel and Roundtable on special topics related to men and boys in early childhood education. Confirmed speakers include Josue Cruz of the Council for Professional Recognition, Edward Greene of EM Greene Associates and Bryan Nelson of Men Teach. The roundtable will be held on April 8, 2008 at Cambridge College from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If you know someone who would be interested in attending this event, please share their contact information with schottfellowship@yahoo.com.

Schott Fellowship Sponsors Men's Interest Reception

On Friday, April 11, as part of MassAEYC's annual conference, the Schott Fellowship is sponsoring a Men's Interest Reception. The purpose of the reception is to reach out to educators and policy makers to build a network in an informal situation. The conference's keynote speaker, T. Berry Brazelton, will join the gathering in order to share his perspective of working with children and their families. The reception also will serve to build interest in the panel presentation the following day.

In a year when current Schott Fellows are undertaking a policy project focused on the role of men in early education, we are fortunate to have many other people working with us to address the lack of gender diversity in the field.

Workshop on Mediation and Negotiation

The 2008 Schott Fellows will have a two-day Negotiation and Mediation workshop on May 12-13, 2008, led by a national mediator from the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service. The workshop will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Cambridge College. Alumni are welcome to attend. Participants must be able to attend for both days. Space is limited, so to confirm your intent to participate, please contact Jessica at 617-873-0678 or e-mail schottfellowship@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4	10:00 to 4:00	Schott Fellowship Meeting	Cambridge College
March 28-29		Alumni Retreat	Chatham, MA
April 8	10:00 to 4:00	Roundtable: Men in Education	Cambridge College

Other Interesting Events Around Massachusetts

- Governor Deval Patrick will be speaking about teachers and education in Massachusetts on Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00 PM at Westfield State College. Please call Christina Wu at 617-619-5637 with questions.
- Race, Culture, Identity, & Achievement Seminars present a talk with Louise Derman Sparks, Author of Anti-Bias Curriculum Tools for Empowering Young Children on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Boston Children’s Museum. Please sign up at www.achievementseminars.com
- Black Educators’ Alliance of Massachusetts is holding their Annual Conference on March 14 & 15, 2008 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston, MA. For information or questions, please call 617-296-3042.
- Horizons for Homeless Children is holding their Third Annual “Young Children Without Homes” National Conference from April 15-17, 2008 at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. To register, go to: www.regonline.com/HHCregister. For more information, visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org
- Associated Grant Makers of Boston, MA is pleased to announce that applications for the 2008-2009 Diversity Fellowship Program are being accepted. The application can be found at www.agmconnect.org and is due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 10, 2008. For more information, visit their website or send an email to tdowley-blackman@agmconnect.org.
- Mass AEYC’s Annual Conference, “Children: Our Link to the Future” will be held on April 11-12, 2008. Keynote speaker will be Dr. T. Berry Brazelton. For information, go to www.massaeyc.com.

Alumni News

Robyn S. Carter is very excited that USES' Early Childhood program just received NAEYC accreditation after being twice deferred in recent years.

Costanza Eggers-Piérola has been interviewed recently for various parent and education articles in both Spanish and English. The focus of the interviews included working with Latino children and families and impact of first language. One article can be read at townonline.com/parentsandkids/news/x1151549761

Susan Werley will be working as an intern in the Schott Fellowship office in order to complete her Ph. D. Program at Tufts University.