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Dr. Rinn Cloud - The Mary Gibbs Jones Endowed Chair - Textile Science

Baylor's Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) department is pleased to welcome Dr. Rinn Cloud as a new faculty member in the Fashion Design and Merchandising programs with a focus on textile science.

Dr. Rinn Cloud has joined Baylor University as the Mary Gibbs Jones Endowed Chair in Textile Science. She comes most recently from Florida State University where she served on the faculty for 15 years. Prior to that she held positions at Virginia Tech University and Louisiana State University. A native of Baton Rouge, LA, Dr. Cloud is a graduate of LSU, Purdue University, and the University of North Carolina Greensboro. She teaches textile science courses and conducts textile product development research related to variety of types of functional apparel such as surgical



gowns, ballistic vests, posture support garments, dance wear, and sports apparel. She is currently conducting a project to improve the protective and comfort features of beekeeper coveralls.

A Christian since she was nine years old, Dr. Cloud likewise has a long history working with college age and singles Sunday School departments in her former churches. She also plays handbells and is looking forward to finding a church in Waco where she can get involved in these ministries. Dr. Cloud, a widow since 1999, has three sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren. She spent much of the summer coordinating her

daughter's wedding in Charleston, SC. "I am so happy to be here and feel very blessed to be in such a supportive and welcoming environment."

Jodi Arnold - Alumni spotlight



Jodi Arnold graduated from Baylor in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in fashion design and for the past 10 years she has had her own apparel company in New York City selling to over 200 stores worldwide.

Jodi moved to New York the day after graduation and was first employed by Simplicity Patterns® and then as an assistant designer with Danskin®. Jodi started her own line, Mint, in the spring of 2000. Since then she was honored with the Young Designer Award by the American Cotton Council and the 2004 Baylor University Outstanding Young Alumni Award by the Baylor Alumni Association.

Jodi created the label MINT as a way to bring together her passion and curiosity of art, design, and global culture. Re-named MINT Jodi Arnold in 2007, Jodi refined her design aesthetic by focusing on idiosyncratic fabric combinations, hand-embroidered treatments, and the use of unique prints.

After 10 years in business, Jodi's company has completed a re-branding that has touched every aspect of the business. Now called Jodi Arnold to signal that they are more than customer friendly but actually customer-centric. Every season their customer can expect unique details and interpretations they won't find everywhere.

In addition to her apparel company, Jodi has opened retail stores in the Village and Brooklyn where she sells her apparel and shares the retail space with emerging or established photographers, artists, or other creative people who are passionate, dynamic, and interesting.

Most recently Jodi has designed and released a Jodi Arnold line of apparel, which is being sold in The Limited stores. According to a Limited spokesperson, Jodi has brought a soft femininity and worldly fashion-forward bent to the clothing chain with her passion for global culture, and a love of soft textiles and embellishments.

For additional information on Jody and her company, please visit her website at www.jodiarnoldnyc.com.



Student awards and honors

Listed below are students recognized for their outstanding accomplishments during 2009-2010.

Amanda Beattie, a 2009 **Nutrition Sciences** graduate, was honored for her ongoing community involvement and community leadership. While Amanda was a BU student she was the recipient of the Baylor University Student Involvement Award and the Mission Waco Volunteer of the year award. Amanda Beattie is a dietetic intern at the VA Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Interior design students continue to participate and place in student competitions. **Erica Schneider** received first place in Residential Kitchen Design at



the ASID student competition in the fall in Dallas for a design of a Kosher Kitchen. **Carla Huddleston** won second place and **Brooke Morrison**

won honorable mention in the same Kosher Kitchen competition. For Kiosk Design **Lauren Martin** won second place and **Lisa Sorenson** took honorable mention. **Lisa Sorenson**, **Jenny Iwasko**, and **Emily Johnson** won first place for the design of a Popular Culture Institute. Senior **Julie Agee** was on the winning Charette design team sponsored by the Houston City Center at the 10th Annual IIDA Student Conference in February. Seniors, **Nathan Hejl**, **Keri Brodbeck**, and **Lauren Love's** IDEC Student Competition Project of a Learning Commons, made it to the final fifteen in the national judging category.

Three **Fashion Design** students placed in this year's 43rd Annual Career Day National competition. Career Day is the longest running and largest fashion career competition of its kind in the US. **Meg Quinius Robinson** received a scholarship and placed second with her wool coat and dress. **Anna Morrison** also won a scholarship and second place for her trend board. And, **Kaylyn Smith** won second place and a scholarship for her entry in the Four Legged Fashion (FLF): Canine Meets Couture category. The FLF competition required students to design and create a garment for their favorite canine companion. The best FLF entries joined designs from national designers for the FLF fund raising auction. Proceeds from the auction went into the FLF fund to benefit animal rescue organizations.

And, **Elizabeth Brower**, a **Child & Family Studies** major was awarded Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award at the 2010 Texas Council on Family Relations conference.

New full time lecturer - Dr. Mary Simpson

Dr. Mary Simpson recently received her doctorate in education from Baylor University. She has taught at Baylor for the past seven years and was previously employed by Iowa State University and the University of Texas at Austin. Additionally, she has owned a visual merchandising consulting business and an extremely successful national franchise. Engaged in the study of creativity from a developmental and an application viewpoint, Dr. Simpson has presented her research findings at national and international conferences. She lives in Georgetown, TX and is the mother of three daughters. Dr. Simpson has also been a dedicated long-time volunteer with the Texas Agri-Life and 4-H organizations participating in events at the county, district, and state levels.

Research activity

In addition to being dedicated to their teaching responsibilities, our faculty have been busy conducting, publishing, and presenting research in their respective fields. The department is proud of the many contributions our professors have made and the increase in students participating in research activities. For a complete list of the publications and presentations, please see the FCS website at www.baylor.edu/fcs/.

Undergraduate research

Undergraduate Research (URSA) has become an important component for our research activities and future plans. **Amanda Seybold**, a FCS-Child and Family Studies major who graduated in May 2010, had quite an experience with the research process in the last two years she was at Baylor. Amanda worked with Dr. Janet Crow developing and carrying out a research project funded through a Baylor Undergraduate Research and Academic Achievement grant. She assisted in all aspects of a study designed to explore the relationships between military parents' deployment histories and military middle-school adolescents' perceptions of family functioning, social support, anger frequency, and anger management techniques. Results of the study indicated that parents' and adolescents' perceptions of these variables were quite different and that anger frequency was related to the father's deployment history and the adolescent's perceptions of family functioning. Amanda had the opportunity to share results in three venues; in a poster presentation during Baylor's Undergraduate Research week, in a session of the Texas Council on Family Relations 2010 Conference, and in an article to be published in the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal.

Rising young professionals

Faculty in each of our six program areas select outstanding students each year as the rising young professionals in their academic program. At the end of the academic year one student is identified as the one 'Outstanding Student' for all FCS programs. Individuals identified by their program faculty are showcased by having their picture displayed in the building and with special recognition at the end of school celebration. During the 2009-2010 academic year, the following students were identified as rising young professionals: **Camilla Slacum** and **Amanda Seybold** - Child and Family Studies, **Bre Edgley** - Fashion Merchandising, **Meredith Mitchell** and **Meg Quinius Robinson** - Fashion Design, **Jenny Iwasko** and **Keri Brodbeck** - Interior Design, and **Christine Hersh** and **April Kniefel** - Nutrition Sciences. The '09-'10 Outstanding Student was **Amanda Seybold**.

Europe study abroad

Drs. Bowen, Divita, Brunson, and Mrs. Brown along with 23 students and one guest spent 16 days studying within their disciplines in France, Belgium, and the United Kingdom. Highlights of the trip included: a tour of Versailles, a visit to Monet's Gardens in Giverny, a visit to the newly completed Ralph Lauren flagship retailer in Paris, a walking tour of Art Nouveau architecture in both Brussels and Antwerp, visits to various showrooms and museums (MOMU, outstanding fashion museum in the heart of Antwerp was a special treat), attending lectures by experts in each discipline, a visit to Bernard Thorpe--a hand screen printing textile mill, a tour of the Lochcarron Mill in Edinburgh, famous for the production of the Scottish tartans. All



participants immersed themselves in other cultures for both a successful and memorable learning experience while

juggling the various weather changes, navigating multiple means of transportation, and shifting currencies.

Piper Center for Family studies & child development

This past year has been very exciting at Piper. Looking back we have had amazing times! The staff have focused on learning and implementing Conscious Discipline (CD). CD is "a comprehensive social and emotional intelligence classroom management program that empowers both teachers and children with a goal to provide systematic changes in classrooms by fostering the emotional intelligence of teachers first and child second." (Bailey, 2000, p.11). Conscious Discipline is strong on building community in the classroom, relationships between teacher and child, and children. The "school family" is the center of the program. Rituals are very important to promote brain development and build the bonds needed for success. After over 60 hours of training, everyone is doing well using Conscious Discipline and the children are certainly learning that "It is my teacher's job to keep me safe, and it is my job to help her do that."

Two teachers at Piper, Frances Koen and Erin Jacobus, are providing mentoring in the community



at childcare centers to improve the quality of child care for all children. Our teachers are in great demand to train for Smart Start, the local Child Care Association in Waco. Candice Coulter, Anna Burton, and Erin Jacobus will be presenting at Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TAEYC) in Austin this September. All of the teachers will attend two days of the three-day conference.

Janet Jones, Stephanie Adams, and Candice Coulter attended the National Zero to Three Conference last December. Anna Burton and Erin Jacobus attended the Frog Street Press National Conference in Grapevine this summer. Frances Koen attended the first week of Conscious Discipline Training this summer to become a certified CD trainer. This will be great to have our "in house" CD trainer. Barbara Crosby, director of Piper, was trained this summer in the Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC).

Highlight visitors this past year at Piper included Waco fire and police departments and our very special guest in June was Baylor's new first lady, Mrs. Alice Starr.

BSNA update

The Baylor Student Nutrition Association (BSNA) hosted two special events during the 2009-2010 school year that prepared students for their dietetic internship application procedure. These events included a fall seminar on preparing a professional application and a spring workshop on writing a letter of application. BSNA also sponsored several local dietitians as speakers for the monthly club meetings. And, BSNA officers elected for Fall 2009 - Spring 2010 were **Mona Kasik** - president, **Julie Smith** - vice president, **Kelsey Wallour** - secretary, **Laurie Van Dyk** - treasurer, **Natasha Wolfenbarger** - service chair, and **Gabby Saucedo** - hospitality chair.

KONu leaders '10 -'11

Kappa Omicron Nu, KONu honor society for Family & Consumer Science majors elected the following officers for 2010-2011:

President: Mona Kasik
Vice President: Julie Smith
Secretary: Kelsey Wallour
Treasurer: Laurie Van Dyke
Hospitality: Gabby Saucedo
Service chair: Natasha Wolfenbarger

The co-sponsors for the KONu honor society are **Drs. Janelle Walter** and **Margaret Baier**.

Child and Family Studies Organization

CFSO had an eventful and successful year with many opportunities for professional development and community service. We served in All-University "Steppin' Out" cleaning up community landmarks in Waco. We formed a group that attended the Texas Child Life Conference at Texas Children's in Houston. Many speakers from all avenues of our field enlightened students on career opportunities in the professions of Child and Family Studies. CFSO attended all premier events for Baylor in order to foster interest of our major among incoming freshman and prospective students. CFSO helped send school supplies to Belize in order to connect with children and families globally. Baylor CFS is proud of the organization in getting students beyond the classroom into the world to connect and serve.

ASID student chapter

The ASID student chapter reinstated their mentor program - junior and senior members mentor freshman and sophomore design students. The organization also supported Habitat for Humanity as their service project. New officers for 2010 - 2011 are **Blair Schrade** - president, **Kailey Rawson** - president elect, **Samantha Biddle** - secretary, and **Michelle Ball** - treasurer.

Sign language at Piper

When Stephanie Adams, toddler lead teacher at Piper, Baylor's child-care center, takes visitors into her classroom, they note how her students act and behave more like 10 year olds than two year olds. Adams believes that the sign language she has taught them since six months of age might have something to do with it.

"I think it helps them not only communicate, but also develop faster emotionally," says

Adams. "We taught them signs for feelings, like 'happy,' 'sad,' and 'frustrated.' Before they

could talk, instead of throwing a tantrum, the kids could just let me know how they felt with sign language." Adams has been working with this group of children for 18 months, starting when they were six months old with the signs "eat," "more," and "all done". For more tips on teaching babies sign language, please see our website at www.baylor.edu/fcs.



'10-'11 Ambassadors

Each year the FCS faculty select exceptional students from each of the six program areas to serve as ambassadors. They perform as public relations officers for the programs they represent. As student leaders in the department, the ambassadors are called on to meet and speak with prospective students and their parents. The ambassadors named



for the 2010-2011 academic year are **Melanie Duncan** and **Marne Matysek** -

Child & Family Studies, Kasidy Kersey and **Lizvette Damman** - Fashion Design, **Lindsey Smith, Anna Morrison, and Hunter McGehee** - Fashion Merchandising, **Erica Schneider** and **Kailey Rawson** - Interior Design, **Julie Smith** and **Ashley Walker** - Nutrition Sciences, and **Liz Marscheck** and **Sara Lucado** - General FCS. We look forward to a super year with our new ambassadors!

Waco Touchpoints Coalition

Child and Family Studies program took the role of lead agency in the Waco Touchpoints Coalition. The coalition is comprised of 15 area agencies that serve young children and their families. The purpose of this project is to address

the needs of families with young families by providing an intensive longitudinal professional development program to implement the Touchpoints Approach among professionals who interact with parents of young children.



The implementation of this program will positively impact young children and parents through a strength-based, relational approach that empowers parents and other caregivers. Thousands of low income children (age birth to 3 and their families in the Greater Waco area are in need of developmental, parenting, social, and other services. To reach this target population, this initiative includes three broad phases: 1) training providers who work with parents and children; 2) conducting research and staging intervention (e.g., needs assessment, outcomes); and 3) implementing strategically planned community development partnerships that build upon existing strengths of partner organizations.

Baylor FCS hosts Texas Council on Family Relations

The FCS department hosted the 2010 annual Texas Council on Family Relations. The theme



was "Promoting Healthy Families; Changing Families in Changing Times". The conference,

which was coordinated by Dr. Tyler Horner, was a great success -- numerous FCS faculty and students gave presentations, workshops, and scientific posters. Over 100 professionals from around the state attended, and an additional 100 Baylor students attended.

Fashion student finalist in International Competition

Lizvette Damman, Houston fashion design senior was selected as one of five finalist in the international Design Your Future contest coordinated by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities and The Gap. Each of the five finalists were awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Lizvette won fourth place and received \$2,000. The contest was held in San Diego, CA in September of 2010. Each student was required to design a suit for a job interview. Lizvette's suit was a gray and ivory tailored jacket and skirt worn with a burnt orange blouse.

Congratulations Lizvette!

Faculty promotions, awards & leadership

Congratulations are due to **LuAnn Soliah** who has been trained as a ServSafe instructor. She has successfully passed the Food Manager Certification exam and the Instructor/Proctor Exam. The department continues to garner strong awards & exhibit leadership such as:

Local – **Janelle Walter**, Meals on Wheels, Board of directors for Central Texas Senior Ministry; **Joyce Nuner & Barbara Crosby**, Smart Start Child Care Association (SSCCA).



State – Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, **Janelle Walter**, President; **LuAnn Soliah**, Treasurer, **Margaret Baier**, Secretary; **Suzy Weems**, Texas Dietetic Association, Media representative; Texas

State Board of Examiners of Dietitians, and **Tyler Horner**, Texas Council on Family Relations, Vice President & Board of Directors.

National – **Jay Yoo**, International Textile & Apparel Association, 2009 Best paper award on "Peer influence on adolescent boys' appearance management behaviors".

Baylor Fashion Show

Students in Baylor's FCS Department presented the annual designer fashion show on May 1, 2010 in the Barfield Drawing Room. Due to popular demand, the show was



presented at 2 pm and 7 pm this year! **Dr. Rochelle Brunson** and the visual merchandising students coordinated the fashion-promotion event with **Drs. Judith Lusk, Mary Simpson, Ms Jaynie Fader, Patricia Hassell**, and design students.

The event showcased garments designed and produced in seven

fashion design and production classes throughout the fall and spring semesters. Visual merchandising students managed all aspects of the show, including planning, publicity, set design, and production. Fashion design seniors in the Designing for Mass Marketing capstone class presented full collections (five to 12 garments created as a cohesive apparel line) targeted to the 35 to 55 year-old woman.

Certificates for Career Day were presented following the afternoon show and designer awards were presented at the end of the evening show. **LeErin Player** received Best & Most Creative Senior Collection. **Meg Quinius Robinson** earned Most Marketable Collection. **Meredith Mitchell** won the Judith Lusk Award for her Outstanding and consistent collection. Look on-line for dates of the 2011 fashion show to be held at the end of the spring semester. Alumni are always encouraged to attend!

FCS internships 2010

Baylor FCS students completed or were accepted into internships or practicums during the past year. For a complete listing of the students and companies or organizations where the students were employed, please see our website at www.baylor.edu/fcs.

Alumni accomplishments Interior Design

Congratulations to alumni successfully completing the NCIDQ exam. They are **Amanda Paret** ('08) and **Bethany Gamel Simmons** ('08). Amanda works for Astleford Interiors in Dallas and Bethany is with Charissa Seipp Interiors in Houston.

Homeless Assistance Center designed by Interior Design students

Dr. Bowen and **Mr. Love's** junior studio classes designed a Homeless Assistance Center for the Waco Community. The students were involved in extensive research related to design and social justice with particular application to Waco community demographics.

The projects were designed for an existing building in downtown Waco. Team projects were presented to Waco city officials, architectural firm representatives who assisted students in their research, and Baylor personnel.

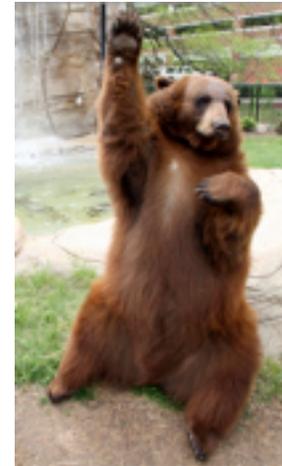
Alumni spotlight Child & Family Studies

Emily Edwards, graduated from Baylor in December of 2008 with a bachelor's degree in Child and Family studies. While at Baylor Emily completed a practicum at Children's Medical Center in Dallas in the summer of 2008. Her practicum involved a rotation in general pediatrics. Emily also completed an internship at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, PA following graduation. Her first rotation during this internship was in dialysis and the second rotation was in oncology. Children's Hospital in Philadelphia is the number one children's hospital in American and Children's Medical Center in Dallas is ranked number 17 in America. Emily is grateful for the experience she gained at these two highly ranked hospitals while studying at Baylor.

Emily moved to Philadelphia after graduation and worked as a nanny for three months. She felt like this was a great experience because she got to focus on just one child and practice what she had learned in her infant development class. Currently Emily is working at St. Christopher's Children's Hospital as a child life specialist in the burn and special care unit. Emily's future plans are to obtain a Master's degree in Social Work to work in adoption services.

Kudos to '09-'10 FCS ambassadors

What a great job the 2009 -2010 ambassadors did at the Fall, Winter, and Spring Premieres. They represented the department and each program with skill and expertise! Visitors were pleased to have the opportunity to visit with 'actual students' in the sessions and asked very thoughtful questions. The



ambassadors were terrific at giving honest and sincere answers

A special thanks to **Sarah Snodgrass** and **Amanda Seybold**, for Child and Family Studies; **Sami Waley** and **Meredith Mitchell** for Fashion Design; **Sara Lucado**, and **Shelly Simonson** for

General Family and Consumer Sciences, **Jenny Iwasko** and **Ali McDole** for Interior Design; **Lauren Stinson** and **Courtney McFarlin** for Nutrition Sciences; **Briana Molina** and **Laura Clack** for Fashion Merchandising.

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As the department continues to grow in numbers and productivity, we encourage you to be a vital part of the process. Gifts to our excellence fund enable us to purchase needed equipment and technology, support student scholarships, and more. We need your help to expand our efforts and continue to prepare our students to be successful professionals, family members, and community leaders of tomorrow. Opportunities include Morrow Scholarship, Piper Child Development Center Excellence fund, FCS Excellence fund, or FCS Leadership fund.

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Calendar:

September 10-11, 2010

Parent's Weekend - Fashion Showcase from 9:00 - 11:00 am Mary Gibbs Jones (FCS) building. Sponsor is the Baylor Fashion Club.

October 22, 2010

Homecoming Reception, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Mary Gibbs Jones Room 114.

April 30, 2011

Fashion show, Barfield Drawing Room.

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