



Community Research & Action

“In this innovative, action-focused program, I learned how to better impact the systems that negatively affect young people.”

Scot Evans, M.Ed., Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Wilfred Laurier University, Ontario, Canada

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Vanderbilt University

Explore the Community Research & Action doctoral program

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3689.xml>

Learn what inspired Scot Evans to apply to Peabody

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Meet our people in-depth: Professor Doug Perkins, founding director of this program, who analyzes problems in the context of community

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x4986.xml>

Mentoring for success

Students in Carolyn Hughes’s class, High-Poverty Youth: Improving Outcomes, connect firsthand with high schoolers who face tremendous challenges in reaching graduation. Besides mentoring the youth, her students reflect on their experiences in journals and discuss the effects of poverty in its broader civic and economic contexts.

For Hughes, professor of special education, the mentoring program grew out of her "peer buddy" program. That effort, now replicated nationally, pairs general education students as mentors to peers with disabilities.

Hughes combines a deep interest in social issues with personal service. She serves on the Nashville Mayor’s Task Force on Dropout and High School Restructuring with educational, community, and civic leaders.

Learn more about the Department of Special Education

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3856.xml>

Learn more about Carolyn Hughes's research and publications

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x4844.xml>

Project manage an NIH grant

“As project manager for Lynn Fuchs’s NIH grant, I ‘script’ the research treatment - and see how a top-notch researcher fine-tunes the process from year to year.”

Sarah Powell

Doctoral candidate,

Department of Special Education,

funded by the ExpERT program

Get to know our people in depth: Professor Lynn Fuchs

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x4751.xml>

View a list of Peabody’s research centers

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3007.xml>

Study with renowned scholars

Hailed as ‘a major influence in the field of mathematics education,’ Professor Paul Cobb profoundly affects his students’ approach to teaching. “His mathematics methods class asks you to sit in the students’ seat and understand how they learn,” says Sherrod Camp, M.Ed. '06, a student in elementary education. “I knew math by formulas and algorithms and had gone through statistics and calculus. In his class, I relearned a lot of what I understood so I could be a better teacher.”

The scope of Cobb’s research has ranged from individual learners to teams, classrooms, and district-wide infrastructure. “Across these settings,” noted his award citation from the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction, “he has been systematically examining the consequences of the assumption that human learning is inherently social.”

Paul Cobb, Ed.D.

Professor of Education

Learn more about the Mathematics and Science Education Specialization in Teaching and Learning

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3934.xml>

Visit Paul Cobb, Ed.D.'s webpage

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x4650.xml>

Read his citation for the 2005 Hans Freudenthal Medal from the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction

<http://mathunion.org/ICMI/Awards/2005/CobbCitation.html>

Unlimited potential - your greatest outcome

“Looking at the Peabody faculty’s diverse experience, I realized my job potential was not limited to the education sector. I could apply my skills to policy in general.”

Catherine Freeman, Ph.D.

Senior Policy Advisor, Office of

Elementary and Secondary Education,

National Center for Education Statistics

Besides advising the assistant secretary of education, Catherine manages the activities required for the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act to ensure that states, districts, and schools are accountable for providing every child with a quality education.

View Leadership, Policy and Organizations M.Ed. programs

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3813.xml>

Explore doctoral programs in education and leadership policy

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More programs in top 10

Peabody has ranked among the top five schools of education in U.S. News & World Report for seven years. In 2009, Peabody had more top 10 programs than any other top 5 school of education.

1st Education Administration

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1st Special Education

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4th Education Policy

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5th Elementary Education

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3897.xml>

7th Educational Psychology

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3838.xml>

8th Higher Education Administration

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Solutions

“Higher education faces unprecedented challenges. Through cutting-edge research and interdisciplinary study, future leaders and scholars learn to create solutions.”

Michael K. McLendon

Associate Professor of Public Policy

and Higher Education

Graduate program in Higher Education Leadership and Policy

Read more about Michael K. McLendon

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Learn about the Ed.D. program in Higher Education Leadership and Policy

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3804.xml>

Financial aid resources

More than 60% of new students at Peabody College receive financial aid, including:

Scholarships

Grants

Graduate research & teaching assistantships

Traineeships

Loans

Learn more about graduate program financial aid at Peabody

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3853.xml>

Visit the University Office of Student Financial Aid

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/FinancialAid/index.html>

A national model

Right on Peabody's campus, students can conduct research and observe nearly 200 children at the Susan Gray School - the first nationally recognized early intervention program to include typically developing children in educational settings with children with disabilities.

Peabody Professor Susan Gray pioneered research that led to the founding of the national Head Start program. Since 1968 this school has been a national model for best practices in early childhood and early childhood special education.

The school enjoys a close relationship with Peabody's top-ranked Department of Special Education and the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center. The Kennedy Center brings together scientists and practitioners in behavior, education, genetics, and neuroscience to collaborate on research on development and learning.

Visit the Susan Gray School on the Web

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3584.xml>

Learn more about the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

<http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/kennedy/>

Park-like

(photo gallery)

Learn more about Nashville

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/nashville/>

Up-to-the-minute entertainment/recreation guide

<http://www.nashvillera.com>

See who's coming to the Ryman

<http://www.ryman.com>

Honing your expertise in the field

The goal: Develop education scientists equipped to find better answers to common problems of learning, achievement, and education. The process: A rigorous, field-based, experimental research program. The credential: A Ph.D. - and the expertise to work in research-intensive institutions, publish on relevant topics, and train future education scientists.

In the ExpERT program - short for Experimental Education Research Training - students from different Peabody departments learn the use of randomized field trials. This interdisciplinary community reflects the philosophy and teamwork of ExpERT's home, Vanderbilt's Learning Sciences Institute. Through LSI, world-class faculty and their graduate students are creating new knowledge and exploring how the results of their research can benefit society in new, exciting ways.

Learn more about LSI, a university-wide organization

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lsi/>

Visit ExpERT's home for more information on student publications, program specifics, ExpERT Lecture Series, and other topics

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x5385.xml>

Putting your education to work

“Doing developmental screenings in downtown Nashville - and having Peabody's support to be creative in reaching out to families - prepared me for work.”

Kyle Garrett, B.A. '04, M.Ed. '04

Case manager, Casa Central - the largest Hispanic social service agency in Chicago

Learn about career possibilities for graduates of our Child Studies program, plus the curriculum and requirements

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3840.xml>

Download or request a copy of our brochure about master's degrees at Peabody

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x4529.xml>

Talent development

“Judy Garber is one of the top faculty who are researching depression in children and adolescents. I specifically came to Vanderbilt to work with her,” says doctoral candidate Jocelyn Carter. Working on Garber’s research projects, Carter has seen her skills grow in research methodology, interviewing, and statistics.

Her favorite role: interviewing families. Besides developing her professional talents, she says it allows her to later “see the whole person” when she analyzes the data. “We can have a big impact on these families, too. If a kid has ADHD and it hasn’t been diagnosed, we point them in the right direction.”

She and Garber have published a chapter about depression. Carter also has time for her own research. A paper based on her research has been accepted by the Journal of Abnormal Psychology, and she has others in the works.

Meet our people in-depth: Learn more about Judy Garber and link to her laboratory site

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/psychological_sciences/garber

Visit the Department of Psychology and Human Development

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3838.xml>

Hands-on in D.C.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better summer job - organizing cultural and leadership events, and community service and advising interns on professional development.”

Chris Long

M.Ed. student, Higher Education Administration

Group leader, Vanderbilt’s

Washington, D.C. internship program

Explore a degree in higher education administration

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3813.xml>

Read about VIEW, a unique internship program

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/register/articles?id=27255>

A teacher's impact

"One of my roles as a faculty member is to engage students in the most innovative approaches to teaching and learning in higher education and, at the same time, provide space for students to develop research skills to study the complexities of teaching and learning in the P-12 classroom," says Rich Milner.

Each year Milner helps graduate students in the Department of Teaching and Learning prepare for their job search by framing their research and critical analysis. "Dr. Milner goes above and beyond what an advisor has to do, looking to involve me purposefully in projects that interest both of us," says doctoral student Judson Laughter. "He understands academia and wants to make me the best faculty candidate I can be."

Teaching and Learning students also work in research groups with one or two faculty members. Some students, like Milner's, accompany professors to research sites. Like an apprenticeship, this experience gives students skills and confidence in conducting research.

Rich Milner, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Language,

Literacy and Culture

Learn more about Professor Milner's research area, classes, and publications

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x4937.xml>

Read about his national award from the American Educational Research Association

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/register/articles?search_string=milner&x=0&y=0&id=26982

Explore the Department of Teaching and Learning

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3895.xml>

"Teaching is what I needed to do."

"My internship gave me the experience of building a community in the classroom. Excellent mentors modeled that and prepared me for effective teaching."

Sherrod Camp

Elementary Education, M.Ed. '06

Fourth-grade teacher, M. Agnes Jones Elementary School, Atlanta, Georgia

Learn about the master's degree options in Teaching and Learning

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3897.xml>

Develop your own research

When children have emotional or behavioral disorders, what kind of strain do their caregivers experience? Doctoral student Kelly Taylor-Richardson has worked on a research team headed by Professor Craig Anne Heflinger, a specialist in the field. Personally, she has focused on how different ethnic groups and older caregivers cope with stress.

“Under Craig Anne’s mentorship I developed my research skills. Over time I was able to develop my own research agenda within the team and also apart from it. When I finish my dissertation, I can launch my own career as an independent researcher,” says Taylor-Richardson.

Her next step: a fellowship with Columbia University faculty looking at chronic relapse disease in sub-Saharan Africa. Ultimately, she hopes to influence the development of support programs targeted to the needs of different groups.

Learn more about Kelly at her webpage

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x3792.xml>

Read about the classes taught by Professor Craig Anne Heflinger and her publications, or download IMPACT study reports from her research in Tennessee and Mississippi

<http://www.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/x4814.xml>

Vanderbilt connections

Vandy Athletics

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<http://vucommodores.cstv.com/>

Student Recreation Center

The place to get active - aquatics, fitness, intramurals, Sports Clubs, outdoor recreation, and more.

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/CampusRecreation/>

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Peabody programs partner with Vanderbilt University Medical Center. One example: doctoral training in early childhood special education and the VUMC Center for Child Development Research.

<http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/>

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development

Peabody faculty and students participate in ground-breaking work at this nationally known center for biomedicine and behavioral research.

<http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/kennedy/>

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<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/colleges.html>

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