Keynote Speaker Announced

The keynote speaker of the Nicks/Paxton Distinguished Lecture will be educator and author, Brad Cohen. The event will be held on April 7, 2011, in the D.P. Culp Ballroom.

Cohen, author of Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had, has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and has been featured in The New York Times and People Magazine.

His book focuses on having a positive attitude and how it only takes one person to believe in a child for that child to become successful.

Cohen’s book was named “Education Book of the Year” by the Independent Book Publishers.

Cohen is currently serving as Assistant Principal at Addison Elementary School in Atlanta, Georgia.

2011 Nicks/Paxton Lecture
April 5, 2011
7:00-8:00 p.m.
D.P. Culp Ballroom
Reception and book signing to immediately follow the presentation.

Graduation: December 2010

East Tennessee State University held winter commencement on December 18, 2010. ELPA graduates earned five masters degrees, three education specialist degrees, and fifteen doctoral degrees.

Prior to the ceremony, the department hosted a reception for ELPA graduates and their guests.

Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis congratulates the December 2010 graduates.
Leadership Symposium: Leading Through the Process of Change

Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis held its first annual Leadership Symposium on September 24, 2010, at the Millennium Center in Johnson City.

The forum’s theme, Leading through the Process of Change, provided area leaders with leadership techniques to strengthen individual practice. Participants included community, university, and school district leaders.

The three concurrent sessions were facilitated by ELPA doctoral fellows.

Ginger Christian and Heather Moore presented Leadership Qualities: Developing Influence as a Leader.


Bo Shadden and Lisa Speer with Emotional Intelligence: Recognizing the Emotional Intelligence of the Leader and Follower.

Conferences and Presentations

- Association for Continuing Higher Education Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, October 2011—Dr. Jasmine Renner and ELPA student LaDonna Hutchins presented “An Investigation of Factors on Adult Lifelong Learning that Facilitate Adult Growth and Development.”


- Association for Continuing Higher Education Spring Conference, April 17-20, 2011—Dr. Pamela Scott, department chair, and Dr. Deborah Joyner, Dean of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach, are scheduled to present “Emergent Design: A Collaborative Partnership Resulting in Program Transformation.”