

2011 National Teacher of the Year to Lecture at Kent State

Teaching, Learning
& the Power of the Human Factor

Tuesday, January 24, 2012
4:30 p.m., KIVA



Michelle Shearer, a secondary science educator in Maryland, and the 2011 National Teacher of the Year, will lecture as part of The Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lecture Series. Shearer embraces technological innovation in the classroom, but emphasizes the importance of teacher-student interaction. "Technology and teaching strategies certainly enhance my efforts, but my recognition of the power of human connection seems to have the most profound effect on my students' achievement, especially those who doubt their ability to succeed in challenging college-level science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses such as Advanced Placement Chemistry," Shearer said.

Former Turkish Visiting Scholar Reconnects with KSU Faculty

Organized by former visiting scholar **Dr. Kasim Yildirim**, **Drs. Kasten** and **Bintz** travelled to Istanbul and Ankara in October delivering seminars with faculty and graduate students at Ahi Evran University, Yildiz Technical University, and Gazi University. **Professors Kasten** and **Bintz** assisted colleagues in analyzing data in a nationwide research study on the state of pedagogical knowledge of Turkish teachers in reading and writing and worked on collaborative writing with Turkish scholars. The ultimate goal of this trip and future ones is to help establish literacy education in Turkish universities which might become a joint project with Kent State.

Dr. Timothy Rasinski, **Dr. Wendy Kasten**, and **Dr. William Bintz** will be hosting **Dr. Yildirim** and several Turkish colleagues from Gazi University and Kafkas University this summer at KSU. They will be furthering their research and collaboration on reading fluency and other aspects of reading instruction for reluctant readers. **Dr. Rasinski** hosted **Dr. Yildirim** at KSU during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Kasim Yildirim and **Professor Kasten** have co-authored the first textbook on reading education in Turkish for Turkish teachers, as previously no such resources have been available.



Dr. Bill
Bintz



Dr. Wendy
Kasten



Dr. Timothy
Rasinski



Dr. Kasim
Yildirim

Check out the world map on the back of this Read Review to see from which countries our visiting scholars are coming!



EHHS Thinks Internationally...

This Spring semester EHHS will be hosting twenty-three international scholars from twelve countries.

How can you connect with our international scholars in your courses and/or research?

(see article on front side for an example)



EHHS Visiting Scholars from Around the World

Cultural Dialogues with ILEP Scholars Read Room-White Hall 200 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

ILEP Scholars will give presentations about current events in their home countries.

**Wednesday, February 1
In the News... My Country Socially**

**Tuesday, February 7
In the News...My Country Culturally**

**Wednesday, February 15
In the News...My Country Environmentally**

**Tuesday, February 21
In the News...My Country Educationally**

**Tuesday, February 28
In the News...My Country Politically**



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From The Gerald H. Read Center Staff



EHHS Faculty & Staff:

Join us to welcome our new and returning international students and scholars.

**Friday, January 27
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Read Room**