



## September 2020

This opening page to the OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter* serves two purposes: To provide **links** to the current newsletter and to provide important Emeriti Association **announcements**.

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### *From the President: Michael Lorenz*

It has been a very strange year for all us as we struggle to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. I trust that everyone is staying safe and healthy.

The Emeriti Council has decided to keep the officers for 2020 in place for 2021. Faye Ann Presnal will not be able to continue as program chair next year. The executive board is seeking nominations for that position. Faye Ann has agreed to share ideas with the new program chairperson. Please e-mail Sharon Nivens or me with your nominations.

We continue to monitor the infection rate in Payne County; and at this time, it is not safe to restart our monthly dinners. We hope to do so in early 2021. We will keep everyone updated on our plans.

If you have information to share for the newsletter, please contact Zane Quible.

Stay Safe, Stay Well, Mask Up.

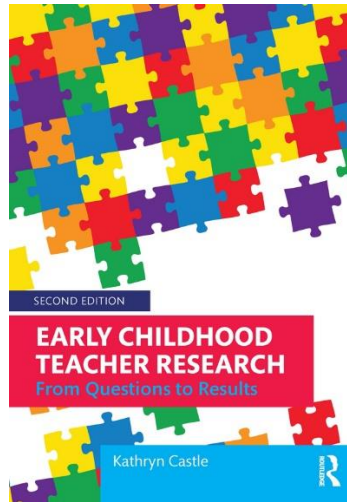
### *In Memory*

Dorothy Carpenter, 6-13-20

Richard Buchanan, 8-20-20

## News About Members

Dr. Kathryn Castle has published the second edition of her very successful *Early Childhood Teacher Research* text. Shown below is the cover of her new text.



*Early Childhood Teacher Research*, Second Edition, 2021, by Kathryn Castle, is available as an ebook now or in hardback in October from Routledge, Taylor & Francis. In this fully revised and updated second edition, *Early Childhood Teacher Research* addresses the questions and concerns that pre- and in-service teachers of young children frequently have when engaging in teacher research.

Accessible and interactive, this book explores the important issues every early childhood teacher should know, guiding readers from conceptualization, generating research questions, identifying data sources, gathering and analyzing data, interpreting and sharing results, to taking action. This second edition features thoroughly updated references, standards, and resources, as well as all-new sections on teacher advocacy, social media and devices, data collection, and planned versus unplanned research.

Each chapter features:

- Teacher Researcher Notebook prompts for the reader to record ideas for research questions and to develop a plan for doing research.
- “From the Field” vignettes providing rich examples of real-world early childhood teacher researchers and their perspectives on doing teacher research.
- Reflection prompts inviting readers to pause and think deeply about relating content to their own situations. Reflections can be recorded in the Teacher Researcher Notebook.
- Explorations of additional content, websites, resources, interviews, and activities.

## *Communications From Human Resources*

By now, you likely have received two different communications from Human Resources. Both communications indicate that retiree action needs to be taken.

In a letter from HR dated August 10, 2020, the following two statements appear:

“If you have dependents enrolled in an OSU health care plan, you will receive a letter addressed to your home from HHS. The letter will detail the steps and information required to keep coverage on your eligible enrolled dependents. You will also be asked to submit evidence of eligibility directly to HMS.”

“When you receive any correspondence from HMS, please read it carefully as there are specific due dates when certain information needs to be returned. Failure to follow the instructions could result in loss of coverage for your dependents.”

In a letter from HR dated August 17, 2020, the following statements appear:

“Your OSU health coverage will change from the current individual BCBSOK Medicare Supplement Individual Plan offerings to the BCBSOK BlueSecure<sup>SM</sup> Retiree Group Supplemental Medical Plans. This change will require you to take Action to either enroll in one of the three new plans offered, or decline future coverage.”

“Please note, all members must take action during the enrollment offering to have a Group Supplemental Medical plan in place for January 1, 2021.”

## *Announcements*

### **Reminders:**

1. If you wish to prepare an article for an upcoming newsletter, please contact Zane Quible at [zquible@okstate.edu](mailto:zquible@okstate.edu) to request guidelines. The four categories of articles are *Spotlight on a New Member*, *Spotlight on a Long-Time Member*, *A Retirement Activity*, and *An Interesting Trip*. All articles that appear in the OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter* are written by members.
2. If you have recently received an award, an honor, recognition, or an appointment to a board, committee, or commission, or had a book or article published, please send the information to Zane Quible at the e-mail address listed above.
3. If you have recently changed your e-mail address or mailing address, please send the changes to the Emeriti Association Office at [emeriti@okstate.edu](mailto:emeriti@okstate.edu) . **This reminder is especially relevant to our members who have recently moved to Legacy Village.**

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