In Review
This month faculty has been busy closing out the spring 2010 semester. Grades are being finalized and we celebrated Commencement with our students on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Department Retreat
On Friday, April 30th, the CEP Faculty met in the T.K. Martin Center Resource Room to discuss the future of the department. Dr. Daniel Wong, Department Head, facilitated the meeting. New ideas were shared as were strategic plans for the upcoming year. It was a good time for faculty to assess the current status of the department and the directions in which it will be moving in the future.

Awards
CEP faculty and students received accolades from both the College and the University in the month of April. Dr. Joshua Watson, Associate Professor in Counseling from the MSU Meridian Campus received the College of Education Herb Handley Research Award.

Dr. April Heiselt, Assistant Professor in Counseling, received the Clyde Muse Service Award. Additionally, Dr. Heiselt and her graduate student Melissa Sharp were awarded the Student and Teacher Recognition Award by the MSU Student Association. Please congratulate our colleagues on recognition well-deserved!

Maroon Edition Event
In 2010, Dr. Mark Keenum announced MSU’s Maroon Edition Common Reading text, Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen. This book illustrates the importance of the power of one. With themes of culture, politics, gender issues, and more this is a book that impacts lives. For more information about the Maroon Edition visit the Maroon Edition website. The CEP Department will be planning an event to coincide with the Maroon Edition in fall of 2010. Keep an eye out for the event. We hope to see you there!

New Fall Course
The Department will be adding a new course this fall specifically addressing the needs of America’s Veterans. This special topics course, listed as COE 6990: Emerging Issues-Working/Military Pers/Fam will be team taught and tackle vital issues including PTSD and more.

Pardon Our Dust
You may have noticed that our website has been going through some changes in the last few weeks. We are excited that our colleagues at ITS have been willing to help make our site even more informative. Stay tuned for more site updates.