Congratulations to Dr. Charles for undertaking a monumental task and we look forward to the publication of your work!

To find more information on N. Scott Momaday, click here.

All of us missed Dr. Charles last semester while he was away on sabbatical; especially when it came to advising time! Well, he has returned renewed and refreshed and with a 200 page manuscript to his credit.

Over the course of his time away, he re-read all 15 of Momaday’s book-length works as well as the major scholarly and critical works on N. Scott Momaday. Momaday, a writer from the Kiowa American Indian tribe, received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1969 for his novel, House Made of Dawn.

On the basis of this intensive research, Dr. Charles completed a 200 page manuscript for Peter Lang Publishing titled Reading, Teaching, Learning N. Scott Momaday. The book aims to help high school and college teachers develop effective instructional approaches for Momaday’s work through deeper understanding of its critical, literary, cultural, and biographical influences.

Dr. Jim Charles Returns from Successful Sabbatical

Applying for Student Teaching...

In order to be eligible to student teach, you must complete the application and the fingerprint information as required by the State Dept. of Education two (2) semesters prior to student teaching. The application and other materials are located in the School of Education office (Media 118). Completed applications should be submitted to Dr. Carol Gardner.

If you plan to student teach Fall 2007, Dr. Gardner should have already received your application and fingerprint information as required by the State Dept. of Education. If for some reason you missed the deadline, you need to contact her ASAP!

cgardner@uscupstate.edu
Focus on Our Spring 2007 Student Teachers…

Meet Deborah Scott!

Deborah is originally from Manhattan, New York and is completing her student teaching at two different placement settings: E.P. Todd - 2nd Grade and Carver Jr. High - 7-9th Grades, both located in District 6.

She is a special education major with a concentration in learning disabilities. This degree program requires two placements during student teaching; one in a regular education classroom and the other in a classroom that provides special education services.

Meet Susan Wethington!

Susan is originally from Spartanburg and is completing her student teaching at Dawkins Middle School in District 6.

She is a middle grades education major with concentration in mathematics and science.

Meet Despina Voukidis!

Despina is also originally from Spartanburg and is completing her student teaching at Travelers Rest High School located in Greenville.

She is a secondary Biology major.
Three New One Credit Hour Courses to Replace SEDF 485: Diversity, Management, and Assessment (3)

- Starting Fall 2006: SEDS 342 (Clinical I) will be a co-requisite of SEDF 341
- Starting Spring 2007: SEDS 440 (Clinical II) will be a co-requisite of SEDS 441 or 442
- Starting Fall 2007: SEDS 450 (Clinical III) will be a co-requisite of SEDS 445, 446, 447, 448, or 449

Other Changes Starting Fall 2007:

- SEDC 400 will become SEDC 300 (3 credit hours)
- SEDS 441 and 442 will be combined to form one four hour course:
  - SEDS 441- Middle School Curriculum and Methodology (4 credit hours)
  - SEDS 442- Secondary School Curriculum and Methodology (4 credit hours)

PROJECT Learning Tree Workshop...

Create a greater understanding and awareness of environmental issues with these award-winning environmental education programs. Learn more about the wonders of wildlife and the forest through fun, hands-on activities and sharing ideas with colleagues. Gain new teaching ideas for use in science, mathematics, social studies, language arts, physical education, music, and art.

WHEN: Friday, March 23 - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM - continental breakfast provided; you bring your lunch

WHERE: USC Upstate Readiness Center

COST: $25, includes 2 activity guides and CD-ROM

PRESENTERS: Dr. Judy Beck and Dr. Cece Toole

To register, call 864-503-5113 or email Dr. Beck at jbeck@uscupstate.edu.

Space is limited to 32 participants. Payment ensures you a slot.
In order to be eligible for admission into the School of Education Professional Program, all students are required to take and pass all three portions of Praxis I (reading, writing, and mathematics) as mandated by the state of South Carolina. If you scored an 1100 or greater on the SAT or 24 on the ACT, you may exempt Praxis I - please submit a copy of your scores to your advisor. Click here for the official S.C. Praxis website.

**PRAXIS I and II Information…**

**PRAXIS II Examinations:**
To register for PRAXIS II, please visit the following link to find your concentration area exams:

**SPRING 2007 Test Dates:**
- 3/3/07 - register by 2/1/07
- 4/28/07 - register by 3/29/07
- 6/9/07 - register by 5/10/07
- 8/4/07 - register by 7/5/07

**PRAXIS I and II Workshops!**

**When:** Feb. 17
**Where:** Lexington Town Hall
**Cost:** $10 for PSTA members; $25 for non-members
**Register at:**
[www.palmettoteachers.org](http://www.palmettoteachers.org)

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**Upcoming Teacher Recruitment Event…**

If you will be graduating in May 2007, you will not want to miss this career opportunity!

Greenville School District is sponsoring a Career Fair, **Shining Star Teaching Recruiting Event**.

**When:** March 1-2
**Where:** Bi-Lo Center located in Greenville
**What:** Opportunity to interview with principals.

For more information and to register, please [click here](http://www.palmettoteachers.org) or visit the Greenville School Dis-

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**Call for Student Participants…**

If you consider yourself a young leader who wishes to make a difference in the world, you are invited to apply to attend **“Darfur, The International Criminal Court, and Beyond”**.

This conference being held at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA on February 24th will examine how the international community can respond to today’s most pressing violent conflicts.

If your application is selected, registration and meals will be provided though transportation will be on your own.

[Click here](http://www.palmettoteachers.org) for more information.
ATTENTION - SCHOLARSHIPS!

If you are a rising Junior or Senior education major, you may be eligible for 1 of 3 $1000 scholarships available through Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Eligibility focuses on good moral character, scholarship, leadership potential, and future usefulness in society.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please email the following contact person to request an application:

Mrs. Sandra Hawkins of Lander University at shawkins@lander.edu.

Deadline to apply is March 15, 2007.

Applications for the S.C. Alliance of Black School Educators 2007-2008 are now being accepted. To be eligible, you must be either a SC high school senior planning to teach or a SC college undergraduate already majoring in education.

Deadline to apply is April 1, 2007 so don’t delay! To apply, please visit the following links:

www.scabse.com or www.cerra.org

The School of Education Scholarship is awarded annually to an education major currently enrolled in the professional program and who demonstrates a financial need, academic excellence, and altruistic goals.

Deadline to apply for this scholarship and all other USC Upstate Foundation Scholarships is February 1, 2007.

Please find a complete list of available scholarships and criteria in the 2006-2007 Catalog on pages 32-36.

Do you know your preferred learning style? Logon to Keirsey.com and take the FREE personality quiz called the Temperament Sorter II.

Remember, if you scored an 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT, you can exempt PRAXIS II! See your advisor for details.
BANK OF AMERICA
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING & ADVISING AWARDS

Students Can Nominate!

Each year the Bank of America graciously sponsors the Excellence in Teaching & Advising Award at USC Upstate. Two candidates are typically selected, one from the College of Arts & Sciences and one from the professional schools. In addition, the award has been opened to full-time instructors who have taught for three consecutive years. Students and faculty may place nominations for these University awards by contacting Karen Thomas (kthomas@uscupstate.edu).

The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 9, 2007.

Carolina Piedmont Foundation SOE Awards

Students Can Nominate!

The School of Education will also recognize outstanding individuals and students. Student awards, one based on scholarship and one selected from outstanding student teachers, are made in the spring. The Distinguished Alumna Award will recognize distinguished alumna from the School of Education who has shown outstanding accomplishments in both career and in the community.

A faculty award, Teacher of the Year, is supported by the Carolina Piedmont Foundation. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor an outstanding faculty member in the SOE. This award is voted on by students and peers in the SOE. A ballot box will be available in the office for students to make nominations to the committee beginning in March. Please take advantage of this opportunity to recognize an individual faculty member of your choice.

V. Duarte – Committee Chair, 2007
### Professional Organizations - Get Involved - Stay Current - Join Today!

#### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- International Reading Association (IRA)
- National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET)
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)
- National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish/Portuguese (AATSP)

#### SOUTH CAROLINA ORGANIZATIONS

- SC Council of Teachers of English (SCCTE)
- SC Council of International Reading Association (SCIRA)
- SC Council of Exceptional Children (SC CEC)
- SC Association for the Education of Young Children (SCAEYC)
- SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics (SCCTM)
- SC Science Council (SC²)
- SC Council for the Social Studies (SCCSS)
- SC Geographic Alliance (SCGA)
- SC Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance (SCAHPERD)
- SC Foreign Language Teachers’ Association (SCFLTA)

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