



## 2014 RMU Recommends Team

**Dr. Carianne Bernadowski** holds a Ph.D., in Literacy, an M.Ed., in Reading and a B.A. in Journalism & Communications/Secondary Education. Before coming to RMU, she was a middle school language arts teacher, a reading specialist, and a reading coach in the k-12 public schools. Her recent book *Teaching with Books that Heal* (co-authored with Patricia Kolencik) speaks to the nature of bibliotherapy and using books to help our children deal with difficult life situations.

**Dr. Vicki Donne** is Coordinator of Graduate Programs in Special Education. She holds a Masters in Deaf Education and Doctorate in Special Education and Reading from the University of Pittsburgh. She is certified to teach in Deaf Education K-12, English, and Reading and has more than 15 years teaching experience in the public schools and researches the uses of technology to aid teaching and learning.

**Dr. Shelly Haser** has a Ph.D., in Educational Policy and Administration, an M.Ed. in Special Education, and a B.S. in Elementary Education. She was a classroom teacher and special education teacher prior to working in higher education administration.

**Dr. Shellie Hipsky** obtained her Ed.D. at Duquesne University in Educational Leadership. She teaches in the Early Childhood Education and Special Education Program at RMU. Her books include *Differentiated Literacy and Language Arts Strategies for the Elementary Classroom*. She is also a children's book author...

**Dr. Susan Parker** was an early childhood & early childhood special teacher, home visitor & consultant for close to 20 years. She has her PhD in Instruction & Learning from the University of Pittsburgh and coordinates the Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood/Special Education program at RMU

**Dr. Mary Ann Rafoth** is Dean of the School of Education and Social Sciences and a professor in the Education Department. She is an educational and school psychologist who used story books frequently in her practice to help children understand difficult situations, to learn about life, and to help solve problems in their everyday lives. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

**Dr. Nathan Taylor** has a Ph.D., in Multicultural Education/Social Studies Education, a M.Ed., in Social Studies Education and a M.A., in Political Science. He was a K-12 teacher in Ewha Language School before entering higher education. His recent publication *Children's picture books and the homonormative subject* speaks to the nature of children's books and the role they play in a child's life.