The Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University will honor its Faculty Fellows on Friday, April 17, from 3-4 p.m. in CPD 152. CPD Faculty Fellows are USU faculty members from various disciplines who conduct research and/or direct programs in collaboration with the CPD.

The CPD welcomes David Feldon, TEAL/STE2M, and Tyra Sellers, Special Education and Rehabilitation, as the 2015 class of Faculty Fellows.

Feldon is an associate professor of Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences and director of the new STE2M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Education, Mathematics) Center at USU. His research examines two lines of inquiry that are distinct but mutually supportive. The first characterizes the cognitive components of expertise as they contribute to effective and innovative problem solving as well as how they affect the quality of instruction that experts can provide. The second examines the development of research skills within STEM disciplines as a function of instruction and other educational support mechanisms. He also conducts some research into technology-facilitated instructional approaches and research methods for examining them. He earned his Ph.D. in educational psychology and his M.S. in instructional technology from the University of Southern California, completed his postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA, and held tenure-track positions at the University of South Carolina, Washington State University, and the University of Virginia prior to joining the USU faculty.

Tyra Sellers

Sellers received her Ph.D. in Disability Disciplines–Applied Behavior Analysis from Utah State University in 2011 and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She is an assistant professor and the director of the Utah Behavior Support Clinic (UBSC). Through the UBSC, she and her team provide assessment and intervention services for individuals with severe problem behavior at the university-based clinic, as well as in homes and schools across the state. She earned a B.A. in Philosophy and M.A. in Special Education from San Francisco State University, and J.D. from the University of San Francisco. Sellers has more than 20 years of clinical experience working with individuals with disabilities, spanning from EIBI through adult services. Her research interests include behavior variability, choice, functional analyses, and behavioral interventions. She is an active member of UtABA and an approved provider for the Utah Professional Development Network (UPDN).

Feldon and Sellers join Lori Roggman and Lisa Boyce (FCHD), Robert Morgan, Jared Schultz, Tim Riesen, Lillian Duran, and Tom Higbee (SPER), Sydney Schaefer (HPER), Gretchen Peacock (Psychology), Damon Cann (Political Science), Chris Davies (Veterinary Science), Ryan Bosworth (Applied Economics), Heidi Wengreen (NDFS), Christopher Gauthier (Photography), Maureen Hearns (Music Therapy) and Raymond Veon (Arts Education) as CPD Faculty Fellows.