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August 14, 2012 by JoLynne Lyon

Dr. Damon Cann

We've known Dr. Damon Cann was a great researcher for a long time—and we're glad to say Utah State University agrees.

He was named a Center for Persons with Disabilities Faculty Fellow earlier this year, and now he is the Faculty Researcher of the Year for the college of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The CPD came to know him when he brought his expertise in statistics and research design to the CPD's Start Smart project.

The research provides a cost-effectiveness analysis of an extended school year in New Mexico. It will measure the gains in literacy, numeracy and social skills against the costs of the program.

The research has broader implications, as policymakers across the country are looking for ways to keep the United States competitive in the global marketplace. They may consider summer school as an option, and good data could help them make an informed decision.

The project’s strength is in its structure, Dr. Cann said. Not everyone who applies for the summer school services will receive them, but those who applied but were not randomly selected for participation will be used as a control group for the study.

You can read more about him and other top researchers on USU’s Research Peaks webpage. Dr. Cann also discusses his research experience in this short video.

Congratulations, Dr. Cann!