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## Where am I?

If you haven't visited the EdPsych office lately, you might think you're in the wrong place, for a few reasons.

First, many things (and people) don't seem to be where you last saw them. First, the people changes, which all involve staff: Julie Kellogg, who is now assistant to the chair and staff supervisor, can be found in room 210C, while in room 226, the desk-that-was-formerly-Julie's is now manned by Iesha Johnson (see her profile on page 4). Meanwhile you can find Helen Katz in a newly created office space in the north end of room 230.

Now for the things: Room 236 has become a small conference area, as has room 220, which used to be home to the faculty/staff mailboxes. Which, in case you've been wondering, are now in room 210. Or you might be trying to find the cabinets that hold supplies for faculty and TAs. If so, look in the main office, 226, on the wall opposite Beverly Palmer's desk.

And if you look around and think that something else is different, you're right. All the public areas, from 210 to 236, have been freshly painted in two-tone green, and the 210A conference room is spruced up in a restful beige.

## Exec approves new application deadlines

The EdPsych Executive Committee has approved a new tiered deadline system for Fall 2009 applicants to the EdPsych doctoral program. The changes are planned to help spread out application processing and also to better coordinate with fellowship nomination deadlines.

The new deadlines are:

- For all international applicants -- December 1, 2008
- For all applicants, both international and domestic, who want to be considered for a university fellowship -- December 1, 2008
- For all other domestic applicants -- January 15, 2009

**STUDENTS!**  
**Get Ready to VOTE!**  
 An e-mail will be in your inbox soon  
 to get your nomination for  
**2008 EdPsych**  
**Teacher of the Year**  
 (Watch for it!)

## Dates & Deadlines

Spring classes end:  
Wed., April 30

May degree conferral:  
Sun., May 11

Office closed:  
Mon., May 26

Summer 2 term:  
Mon., June 9-Thurs., July.  
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Office closed:  
Fri., July 4

Aug. degree conferral:  
Mon., Aug. 4  
(Master's degrees only)

### For May Master's degree

Last day to add name to  
May degree list:  
Fri., Apr. 25

Last day to submit thesis to  
College thesis office for  
format review:  
Fri., Apr. 11

Last day to take exam:  
Fri., March 28

Last day to deposit thesis at  
Graduate College:  
Fri., Apr. 25

### For May Doctoral degree

Last day to add name to  
May degree list:  
Fri., Apr. 25

Last day to submit thesis to  
College thesis office for  
format review:  
Fri., Apr. 25

Last day to take exam:  
Fri., Apr. 11

Last day to deposit thesis at  
Graduate College:  
Fri., May 2

### For Aug. Master's degree

Last day to add name to  
Aug. degree list:  
Fri., July 8

Last day to submit thesis to  
College thesis office for  
format review:  
Fri., TBA

Last day to take exam:  
Fri., TBA

Last day to deposit thesis at  
Graduate College:  
Fri., Jul. 25

**The degree deadlines  
can be found at:**  
[http://  
ed-  
websfiles.ed.uiuc.edu/  
sao/documents/  
Deadlines.pdf](http://ed-websfiles.ed.uiuc.edu/sao/documents/Deadlines.pdf)

## Grants, awards, honors, milestones

**Kiel Christianson** (CSTL faculty) and **Jeong-Ah Shin** (CSTL) recently presented eight refereed papers/posters at conferences in Urbana, Rochester, NY, Long Beach, CA, and LaJolla, CA.

With a Wellesley College colleague, **Dorothy Espelage** (Child Development) has received a three-year federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control for a study on “Middle School Bullying and Sexual Violence: Measurement Issues and Etiological Models.” In February 2008, Dorothy presented talks on “Bullying in American Schools” in seven cities in Korea and Japan, at the invitation of the US Embassy.

**Allison Ryan** (Child Development) is the 2008 recipient of the Richard E. Snow Award for Early Contributions to Research awarded by Division 15 of the American Psychological Association. During Fall 2007, Allison gave three talks, including “Help-Seeking Strategies and Academic Success During Early Adolescence” in Budapest, Hungary; “The Development of Achievement Beliefs and Behaviors during Early Adolescence” in Illinois, and “Help Seeking During Early Adolescence: Who Asks and Does It Matter for Achievement?” in North Carolina.

“An Interview with a Persistent Woman,” written by **Lenore Harmon** (Counseling retired faculty) about **Helen Farmer** (Counseling retired faculty) is in the March 2008 issue of the APA Journal, *The Counseling Psychologist*.

**Hyeong-Jong Lee** (Queries) has received the 2007-08 Maurice Tatsuoka Memorial Award, and has also been invited to join Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

The UIUC Student Senate has presented **David Zola** (CSTL faculty) with an award for Excellence in Lecturing for the 2006-07 academic year.

**Jeanette Reinhardt-Klein** (Counseling) has received the Arnie Miller Achievement Award from the Champaign Area Psychological Society. The award honors students whose work promotes the psychological well-being of the C-U area.

Two new awards have gone to **Hua Chang** (Queries): the 2008 NCME Award for an Outstanding Example of Application of Educational Measurement Technology to a Specific Problem has been given to and his Columbia University colleague for research on a design flaw in the GRE and GMAT computerized testing system; and his second Fulbright Senior Specialist Award, this one in Education at the Slavyansk-on-Kuban State Pedagogical Institute, Russia.

### Alumni News

**Eunice Jang** (Queries 1995 graduate) was awarded the 2008 Jacqueline Ross TOEFL Dissertation Award by ETS. The annual \$2,500 award recognizes doctoral dissertation research that makes a significant and original contribution to knowledge about second or foreign language tests and testing and/or the use and development of such tests and testing, and includes a paid trip to the Language Testing Research Colloquium where the award is presented. This year’s LTRC will be held in China.

## EdPsych doc program graduates an even dozen in 2007

It’s a wash! Twelve new doctoral students enrolled in EdPsych in Fall 2007 and twelve old(er) doc students graduated and left the department in the same year. 2007 grads were:

*May:* **Sarah Kiefer** (Child Development), **Do-Sik Moon** (CSTL), **Suzanne Ward** (Queries).

*October:* **Leslie Rutkowski** (Queries), **Ying-Fen Wang** (Counseling), **Caroline Wright** (Counseling).

*December:* **Victoria Hammer** (Queries), **Yeqin He** (CSTL), **Christopher Moyer** (Counseling), **Luana Nan** (Counseling), **Jeanine Parisi** (CSTL), **Mary Russell** (Counseling)

The department also graduated 20 CTER Ed.M. students in the last year, while 23 were admitted.

## Faculty profile:

### “Temporary Insanity?” At least, “a good sense of humor ...”

**Tom Schwandt** (Queries faculty), several months into his new position as Chair of EdPsych, sometimes wonders if the first phrase in the above headline would accurately answer the question of why he took the job, but in less stressful moments he remembers his real reason: to “help my colleagues as we come to terms with the kinds of changes occurring in the public research university.”

As for the sense of humor, he finds it an indispensable requirement in the day-to-day performance of his responsibilities because it’s “not a job that’s filled with a lot of laughs.” Tom credits his Associate Chair, **Dorothy Espelage** (Queries faculty), his administrative assistant, **Julie Kellogg**, and department staff for providing the “excellent support” he needs.

Tom says he did not choose EdPsych as his field, he evolved into it after completing his doctoral studies in educational inquiry methodology, explaining that “... a lot of methodologists ... find themselves in ... educational psychology, because traditionally ... that’s where most of the methodologists have been housed in education.” Prior to coming to our department in January 2000, he had been faculty in the School of Education at Indiana University Bloomington for 11 years, a Fellow of the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions at IUB for 8 years, and had also worked as a methodologist and program evaluator in industry, medical school, and other universities.

Outside of work, he enjoys golfing and travel and rooting for “the Cubs and Da Bears,” but also is finding that “when one is chair, one’s scholarship becomes one’s hobby.” And “travel” includes weekly commuting to and from Bloomington, Indiana. Since his wife is chief of staff and senior communications office for the Vice Provost of Research at Indiana University, they live both there and in Champaign. Besides making Highway 74 his home away from home, that also means “I try to avoid attending any kind of IU-UI games for fear of developing a split personality.”

## Student profile:

### Doe-Hyung Kim is new CTER project coordinator

CSTL student **Doe-Hyung Kim**, a 2002 transfer from DEIL, has become the project coordinator for EdPsych’s online master’s program, Curriculum, Technology and Education Reform (CTER). He accepted the position, starting in Fall 2007, because his career goal is to become faculty in educational technology and second language acquisition, and felt “the administrative experience would help me understand ... the ins and outs of maintaining an online program and help me secure a leadership position in this area.”

Since CTER’s focus is technology integration and educational reform for K-12 teachers and technology coordinators, Doe also hopes that CTER staff and faculty can “work closely with the Department to help [it] utilize our expertise in online learning.” It’s an increasingly popular program. “We have a few students whose parents recommended them” to join CTER. As Doe notes, “Word of mouth can come a long way!”

Doe’s wife, Cheehyun, is also a UIUC doctoral student in Piano Performance. Their son Eugene is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. When asked about his hobbies or major interests, Doe said he loves “to play the piano in my not so much spare time.”

## Department admits Spring 2008 applicant

**Huei-Lien (Tammy) Hsu** (CSTL) has transferred from Curriculum and Instruction to EdPsych in order to “go further into the fields of human perceptions ... and decision-making processes.” A former faculty member at a Taiwan university, Tammy’s new career goal is “to work as a research scientist in testing industry.” At home Tammy’s husband, a grad student, in Electrical and Computer Engineering who watches Animal Planet every day, has attracted her to squirrel feeding and convinced her to seriously consider getting a dog “when we buy a house that comes with a big backyard!” Starting a family is part of their plan, too.

## Did you know?

Either the last few months have been a drought time for weddings and babies, or our students are getting a lot shyer about sharing that kind of news. Either way, the result is a short column for this semester's newsletter ... short, but diverse. **Jeanette Reinhardt-Klein** (Counseling), whose dissertation research is concerned with firefighters' safety, has been promoted to team captain in her GA position with the Faculty/Staff Assistance Program, where she helps citizens who "lost their homes through fires or who lost significant others through accidents, suicide, or homicide." Jeanette is also serving as president of the UIUC German Graduate Club... **Jeffrey Goetz** (Child Development) will be directing the Champaign-Urbana Theatre Company summer production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Auditions will be held in early June for performances August 7-10 at the Virginia Theatre in downtown Champaign... and **John Knorek** (Counseling) has completed his video project in memory of **Nicole Laws-Carroll** (Counseling), who died in April, 2007, during her second semester as an EdPsych Ph.D. student. The two DVD set includes three videos: the first examines Nicole's significant impact as a student, teacher, and colleague. In addition, the two shorter videos show how her cancer affected others, and provides a peek at the video-making process. Contact John at jknorek2@uiuc.edu to get copies.

## Staff profile:

### Who is that new lady at EdPsych's front desk?

Her name is **Iesha Johnson**, and she's replacing **Julie Kellogg** who is now the staff supervisor and assistant to the chair. Iesha came to EdPsych from ACES, where she had an Extra Help assignment. An earlier assignment in Human Resources Education had introduced her to the College of Education. She met Julie and new department chair **Tom Schwandt** (Queries) at a university job fair and was impressed by their relaxed and realistic interview style. They "were happy and I wanted a job that would be happy to wake up and come to everyday." So has she found much to laugh about since she started the job in October, 2007? Yes, but no funny events that she's willing to tell!

Iesha's family includes her significant other, Dennis, and their not-quite-year-old son, Torian, as well as three daughters – Jemika (14), Jhanya (13) and Jaliah (8) -- from a previous relationship. No pets, though. "If we did own a pet, I would be afraid that with all the commotion in our home, we wouldn't be able to keep track of it!"

She loves both words and numbers, spending off-work hours reading "everything I can" and also running a home based tax service during tax season. Other favored activities include "spending as much time as I can with my family, taking naps (so unrealistic) and playing bingo." Long-range goals include starting a full-time business and finishing her Bachelor's degree in a related field. Her motivation is her children: to leave something for their future, including the business if they want to continue running it.

## Celebrate May Day

at the EdPsych awards\*-and-just-for-fun luncheon

Thursday, May 1 (Reading Day)

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Room 242 Education

Vegetable and meat lasagna and lemonade will be provided. **Please bring a side dish to share.** No reservations required.

\* See box on page 1.