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Comings, goings, moves

Faculty update

Although we have no new faculty in the current academic year, we want to welcome **Michelle Perry** (Child Development) back as department Chair. For the current academic year, division chairs are: **Phil Rodkin** (Child Development), **Elizabeth Stine-Morrow** (CSTL), **Helen Neville** (Counseling), and **Katherine Ryan** (Queries). **Dorothy Espelage** (Counseling) is continuing as Associate Chair.

Tom Anderson (CSTL faculty) has retired, but he'll be teaching an on-line course in the Spring.

Where is ...?

Other than that, the big news is the human domino game that moved EdPsych faculty and staff hither and yon during the last several months. It started when the College hired a new Dean, Dr. Mary Kalantzis, and she moved the Dean's Office from room 38 in the basement to room 110 on the first floor. That meant the Student Academic Affairs Office in 110 had to move to 120, and we were off and running. It's kind of like what happens when you decide to buy one new piece of furniture for your living room and before you know it, you've redecorated the entire house! When the Bureau of Educational Research moved from 236 to the newly opened space in 38, 236 became EdPsych territory. Then Development and Alumni Relations moved from 38 to 140, which resulted in moving more EdPsych faculty to the second-floor department office suites: **Carolyn Anderson, Hua-Hua Chang** and **Andreas Klein** relocated from 140 to 236 and **Katherine Ryan** (all Queries faculty) moved from 140 to 230B when **Dorothy Espelage** (Counseling faculty) moved down the hall from 230B to 240. Are you with us so far? Then staff got in the act – **Beverly Palmer** moved to 236 and **Helen Katz** changed desks in 226. Meanwhile, EdPsych's Graduate Research and Instructional Computing Lab (GRICL), was relocated from 260A to room 15-17.

We really are the world!

21 new EdPsych doctoral students joined us this Fall, including nine international students, or 42.9%. We welcomed four students from Korea and one each from Italy, Egypt, China, India, and France, bringing the international portion of all our currently enrolled doctoral students to 46.8%. The breakdown of our total new student population by division is: Counseling 10, Queries 6, Child Development 4, and CSTL 1.

The EdPsych table at the annual Graduate Student Fair in the Illinois Union has now become a College of Education table that expands recruitment efforts to all six departments. EdPsych contributed to the Oct. 19 Fair table by creating printed handouts and a Power Point presentation about the College, and helping staff the table. Another EdPsych recruitment initiative that has now expanded to become College wide is providing materials to the Graduate College to take to similar fairs at schools around the country. This effort especially targets underrepresented student populations.



Dates & Deadlines

Office closed for Thanksgiving:
Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 23-24
Fall Term ends:
Fri., Dec. 8

Dec. degree conferral:
Mon., Dec. 18

Office closed for Christmas, New Year's:
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 25-26
Fri., Dec. 29
Mon., Jan. 1

Office closed for Martin Luther King Day:
Mon., Jan. 15

Spring Term begins:
Tues., Jan. 16

For December Master's degree

Last day to add name to Dec. degree list:
Fri., Nov. 10

Last day to submit thesis to College thesis office for format review:
Fri., Nov. 17

Last day to take exam:
Fri., Nov. 17

Last day to deposit thesis at Graduate College:
Fri., Dec. 8

For December Doctoral degree

Last day to add name to Dec. degree list:
Fri., Nov. 10

Last day to submit thesis to College thesis office for format review:
Fri., Dec. 1

Last day to take exam for Dec. degree:
Fri., Dec. 1

Last day to deposit thesis at Graduate College:
Fri., Dec. 15

The degree deadlines can be found at: <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/grad/thesis/thesisdeadlines.html>

Grants ...

Michelle Perry (Child Development faculty) has a Spencer Foundation grant for research into "Linking Processes to School Achievement Outcomes: Understanding Adaptations in Discourse that Promote Learning."

Three CSTL students who have been awarded grants are **Yeqin He**, the UIUC Dissertation Completion grant; **Jeanine Parisi**, UIUC Roybal Center for Health Minds grant, and **Matthew Shake**, 2006 Retirement Research Foundation/APA Student Research Award.

Kiel Christianson (CSTL faculty) has been awarded two grants by the Campus Research Board – "The Interaction of Two Languages in the Minds of Korean-English Bilinguals" and "Visual Word Processing in Korean."

Honors ...

Newly elected faculty members of the EdPsych Executive Committee are **Jane Loeb** (Queries), **Allison Ryan** (Child Development), and **Thomas Schwandt** (Queries). The 2006-7 student representatives are **Jeanine Parisi** (CSTL) and **Linda Vigdor** (CSTL).

Lisa Spanierman (Counseling faculty) presented "The Multicultural Teaching Competencies Scale: Development and Initial Validation" at AERA in San Francisco, CA.

In addition, AERA's agenda included a presentation and a panel participation by **Hua-Hua Chang** (Queries faculty), who also presented three papers at the National Council on Measurement in Education in San Francisco.

Linda Vigdor (CSTL) presented conference papers at the University of Amsterdam and in Norway at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

Lydi Buki (Counseling faculty) presented "Measurement of Breast and Cervical Cancer Knowledge, Beliefs, and Attitudes among the Latina Population" at the Tenth Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved, and Cancer in Washington, D.C.

and Awards

APA awards have gone to **Tiffany Schiffner** (Counseling), the 2005-6 Student Scholar Hispanic Woman/Latina Award from APA Division 35, and to **Soo Rim Noh** (CSTL), 2006 APA Division 20 Student Poster Award.

Several EdPsych students have received College honors. A Leticia Walsh Scholarship has been awarded to **Eun Sul Lee** (Counseling). Other scholarships went to **Sarah Kiefer** (Child Development), **Jeanine Parisi** (CSTL), **Lora Passetti** (Queries), and **Kai-Siang Doug Low** (Counseling), who also won the Jeffrey Tanaka Award. The Robert L. Mendelson Award was given to **Mary Russell** (Counseling) and **Rongchun Zhu** (Queries) won the Maurice Tatsuoka Award.

Anita Hund (Counseling), **Yuan Li** (CSTL), **Sujung Park** (CSTL), **Gabseon Lee** (CSTL), **Philip Maclellan** (CSTL), and **Maurice Samuels** (Queries) have received Conference Travel Awards, while a Dissertation Travel award has gone to **Il-Hee Kim** (CSTL).

The AERA Scribner Award, which recognizes a program of work that has significantly influenced thinking and research in the field of learning and instruction, has been won by **Richard Anderson** (CSTL faculty) for his research on collaborative reasoning.

Next Gen's list of 100 Most Influential Women in Gaming included **Michelle Hinn** (CSTL), who also received an award for her work in game accessibility from the International Game Developers Association.

Ya shoulda been there!

If the applause, laughter, and comments afterward are a reliable measurement, the Fall picnic entertainment really was super and special, as advertised. (And it definitely stayed a secret until showtime!)

EdPsych students, faculty and staff, along with their families and friends, enjoyed a highly original, very active, and amusingly messy presentation on the subject of how to admit students to our department. The play was written, acted and produced by the Prompting Theatre, a group of developmentally disabled adults who have been performing in the C-U area for several years. Brian Hagy, a local actor and improv artist, coordinates their programs.



Jeanine Parisi (CSTL) was the “volunteer” star of the show!

Although hiring professional entertainment was a unique feature of this year’s picnic, another new feature may become standard. Instead of picnickers standing in line to fill their plates, this year’s menu was served in homestyle dining mode. Fried chicken and other main dish items were brought to the tables in large servers, thanks to the efforts of helpful student volunteers. Despite a few first-time glitches (you know, that old learning curve stuff), staff found that most people liked this serving system and is looking forward to doing it again, and better, next year.

Getting your Ph.D: style, substance AND form

Formally speaking ...

You’ve heard the classic question, “if a tree falls in a forest and no one hears it, did it actually make a sound?” Sometimes it may feel like getting through graduate school is like that, i.e., if you took the courses and wrote the papers and did the research but didn’t submit the proper forms, did you actually fulfill your requirements? And more to the point, will you be able to get out of here with a degree?

And the answer is ... well, let’s put it this way: it’s not enough to finish the work. The fact that you did it has to be recorded. Currently the recording system revolves around the Student Information System (SIS), the new College database. And nothing gets recorded in SIS until the appropriate forms are submitted.

Students and faculty need to pay close attention to the procedures for fulfilling *and* documenting all the requirements for a Ph.D., from early research to final exam. You can find those procedures in the College of Education handbook at http://edwebsfiles.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/grad/documents/GradHdk06-07final_003.pdf, and in the excruciatingly detailed Degree Steps document at <http://edwebsfiles.ed.uiuc.edu/edpsy/documents/degresteps.pdf>. (There are hard copies of Degree Steps outside room 226.)

Thesis format checking

Around the time you begin planning to take your preliminary exam – that’s when you defend your dissertation proposal and get approval for your research plans – you need to start the thesis format checking process, including setting up a first meeting with the College Thesis Office in 120 Education. Go to <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/grad/ThesisOffice.html> for detailed information on what to do where and when.

And last but definitely not least – deadlines!

You say you’ve done everything that’s required? You say you even have all the right forms to prove that you did it? Wonderful! Now let’s talk about deadlines.

Timing is everything; when you take exams and turn in paperwork determines when you can graduate, so it’s vitally important to know the appropriate deadlines and work within their framework. You can find deadlines for all the degree conferral times throughout the academic year at <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/grad/thesis/thesisdeadlines.html>. And again, check the Degree Steps document for the number of weeks lead time you need for exams so that you can make those deadlines and get from entry date to graduation day without a hitch.

Did you know?

A news round-up for EdPsych

Here's a story that gives a new definition to the word "mentor." It seems that when **Yingying (Crystal) Su** (CSTL) transferred to EdPsych from Curriculum and Instruction in Fall 2004, **Adam Feil** (CSTL) was assigned to be her mentor. Adam wasn't really happy about that, for two reasons. First, he already knew her from a class they had shared and thought she was "weird because she wore sweat-shirts with cartoons and drank tea with big leaves and sticks in it." And second, he didn't see why a student who was not new to UIUC would need a mentor. Actually, Crystal wasn't too happy about the situation either. Her opinion of Adam was that he was "really proud because he didn't talk much in the class." Despite this rocky beginning, they met, he mentored, she menteed, they got to know each other, and the result? They'll be getting married on November 18! You can read the whole story at <http://adam-crystal.com>.

A couple of other weddings have already happened ... **Thomas Schwandt** (Queries faculty) married Sheryl Knight in Bloomington, IN on May 13. And if you've been wondering about our new secretary, **Beverly Palmer**, she was known to most of you as Beverly Jackson before she married Richard Palmer in Champaign on June 24.

Two new baby girls have joined the EdPsych family: Cayla Hansen was born to **Peter Crume** (Child Development) and his wife on November 2, and **Young Woo Cho** (CSTL) and his wife were "excited to meet [their] daughter" on June 21.

If you like original live theatre, **Helen Katz** (staff) invites you to "Awakening," a one-act play she wrote and is directing for the Penny Dreadful Players' Winter One Acts production. Performances will be at 8:00 p.m. on December 8 and 9 in Gregory Hall Theatre.

Staff profile: Janet Marquissee



As many of you know, Janet is our new Program Coordinator in the EdPsych office, assuming the tasks of Wendy Harris who left to take a position in the Mathematics Department. Prior to joining EdPsych, Janet had been handling purchasing, human resources and accounting issues for Krannert Art Museum since 2002. She "love[d] the art collection and the treasures in storage" at the museum, but when the EdPsych position was recommended to her, she "found the challenge to work with faculty and students intriguing."

Raised in Indiana, Janet moved to Connecticut and then to Illinois, where she earned a 1992 Accounting degree from Illinois State University. She started working at UIUC in 1999 in OBFS Accounting as an Account II, then was promoted to Accountant III as Data Controller for the campus, a position which heavily (and happily) involved her in the Banner system conversion.

Since joining EdPsych, Janet has been kept busy "getting to know so many faculty, their accounts, and understanding COE processes while trying to get the financial statements caught up and automated for future statement distribution." Her goals for department operation include "automating the statements to something faculty need/want to see, while maintaining the integrity of the statements to accurately reflect University balances."

Marquissee is Janet's new married name, following her May wedding to husband Mike, also an accountant - Associate Director at Facilities and Services. Her marriage added to her family exponentially. In addition to her 16-year-old son, John, who lives with his father in Eureka, IL during the week, she now has two grown step-children, Melissa and Matthew. Her household also includes "a very loyal dog, Hamlet, a setter-mix" and a cat named Mona Lisa because "she's got that 'grin'."

Janet enjoys crocheting, reading, movies ("especially old ones"), is interested in "architecture and historic events," and is happy to announce that she and Mike quit smoking on September 30.