Congratulations to… Negar Farakish!

Negar Farakish, 2008 Doctorate of Education graduate in HPSE, was recently awarded the Outstanding Dissertation award from the National Association of Developmental Education (NADE). Negar’s study is entitled, “Educating the Academically Underprepared: Practices of Community College Instructors Credited with Success in Teaching Developmental Reading/Writing.”

Congratulations to… Julie Schell!

Julie Schell, 2009 Doctorate of Education graduate in HPSE, was recently notified that she will be awarded the Dissertation of the Year award by the American Educational Research Association’s Division J. Julie’s dissertation is entitled, “Venturing Toward Better Teaching: S.T.E.M. Professors’ Efforts to Improve their Introductory Undergraduate Pedagogy at Major Research Universities”. She will receive this award in April at the AERA conference in Denver, Colorado.

Congratulations to… Rebecca Natow!


Congratulations to… Kim Pereira!

Doctoral candidate Kim Pereira was just awarded a Teachers College General Research Dissertation Fellowship for Current Students for the academic year 2010-2011. Kim’s dissertation is entitled, “Private Liberal Arts College Professors’ Deepened Engagement with Students Beyond the Classroom: An Explanatory Study”. The HPSE program would also like to congratulate Kim and her husband Helder on the birth of their daughter, Marisol, on March 16, 2010!

Congratulations to… Milagros Castillo!

Doctoral student Milagros Castillo was recently awarded the American Educational Research Association’s Annual Division J travel award grant. This is a competitive grant awarded to graduate students to attend the annual AERA meeting. Awardees are expected to participate in Division J Graduate Student Committee events and advise Division J leadership on graduate student concerns. Milagros has also been awarded the Betty Fairfax Professional Development Grant, and has been selected to participate in the National Summer Institute at the University of Denver, a workshop that is designed to address the national under-representation of faculty of color and women in academia.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Interviewing for Higher Education Jobs  
(cospresented by Career Services)
Held in conjunction with Rebecca Natow’s Internship Class  
Friday, March 26—3:30 to 5:00 pm—152 Horace Mann Hall

Women in Higher Education (cospresented by the Office for Diversity and Community and the Gottesmann Library)
With Professor Anna Neumann and Janice Robinson, Vice President for Diversity and Community
Wednesday, March 31—3:00 to 5:00 pm—306 Russell Hall

Bowling Mixer
Thursday, April 8—7:30 to 10:00 pm—Harlem Lanes (2116 7th Ave)

Talk with Prof. Robert Teranishi, Co-director for the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (cospresented by the Office for Diversity & Community and the Gottesmann Library)
Wednesday, April 14—3:00 to 5:00 pm—306 Russell Hall

End of Semester Happy Hour Social
Wednesday, May 12—6:00 to 9:00 pm—Location TBD

Internship Fair
Friday, May 14—9:30 am to 5:00 pm—212C Zankel Building
Spotlight on... HPSE Master of Arts Alumnus Megan Schuck
120th Street recently sat down with Megan Schuck to hear about her experiences as a student in the HPSE program. Megan graduated from the program in Dec. 2008 and is currently serving as an Admissions Counselor and International Student Advisor at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts Los Angeles. Before her current position, she served a Program Officer at the Institute for International Education in New York working with Fulbright grantees studying in the United States.

Why TC for your MA? I initially applied to TC because I wanted to live in NYC. After reading about the program further I loved the different tracks one could focus their Masters on—for me, the comparative track allowed me to delve into my love of international education. I also liked the internship component—this experience was very valuable to me and definitely helped me with my first job in higher ed.

What was your favorite class? Professor Dougherty’s American College Student. He taught me to write in a concise manner, and I loved the reading! Student Development Theories also now informs my current work as I interact with students on a daily basis.

What internship did you hold while a student in the program? I worked as the graduate assistant in the Teachers College Admissions Office. It was great to see how a graduate school admissions office functioned. I was given the opportunity to attend college fairs with actual admissions counselors. I also started the TC admissions blog which is still in use 3 years later. It is great to show future employers these types of projects that I played an important role in.

What advice do you have for incoming HPSE students? Learn from not only your professors but also your classmates. It is amazing to find out the different backgrounds and perspectives each student has. Start your networking early! These classmates will soon be working professionals in the field you work as you too! Its good to keep connected. And, make sure to have fun!

Publications and Presentations: Professor Anna Neumann

  - Modified versions of this presentation were also given at Teachers College, February, 2010, in a college-wide event sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Community and at Columbia University for the Teagle Group for the study of undergraduate education (March, 2010).

- Neumann, A. Discussant on a panel regarding Michele Lamont’s book How Professors Think. March 2010 AERA Annual Conference, Denver, CO.


Publications: Professor Judith Glazer Raymo


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- Dougherty, K. “Performance Funding in Higher Education.” Presentation to the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Education Seminar, March 12-13, 2010, New York City, NY

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Publications and Presentations: Dr. Aimee Terosky


Publications and Presentations: Dr. Julie Schell

- Schell, J. (2010, March 8). Touring elements of course design: Learning goals and rubrics in the undergraduate classroom. Invited talk for the Bok Center Pedagogy Seminar at the Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.


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