Congratulations, 2012 ERME Graduates!

Eleven students graduated from the ERME program within the last year! Ph.D. graduates took part in the robing ceremony on May 20th, and all recent graduates were honored at the commencement ceremony on May 21st. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

(L-R) Dr. Mullis, Dr. Stanco, Dr. Cannady, Dr. Brown, Dr. Wang and Dr. Ludlow

Fall 2012 Course Schedule
http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/stserv/soc/SOC_March_2012.pdf

ED460 INTERP/EVAL/RESEARCH Saenz TH 4 30-6 50
ED462 ASSESSMENT&TEST CONSTRUC Flanagan T 7-9 30
ED468 INTRO STATISTICS O’Dwyer T 1 30-4
ED468 INTRO STATISTICS Brown W 4 30-6 50
ED469 INTERMED. STATISTICS Carreras TH 7-9 30
ED560 ISSUES IN TESTING Braun M 1 30-4
ED671 PSYCHOMETRIC THEORY II Depascale T 4 30-6 50

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The 2012 ERME Career Fair & Alumni Panels event took place on May 16th. The event was a great success—we had over 40 people in attendance! Attendees ranged from prospective and current students to alumni and faculty members.

The alumni panels were very lively, and provided students with practical advice on the job search, as well as sharing their experiences as an ERME student and in the workforce. The also provided us with marketing materials from their current companies, and informed us of various job opportunities. We would like to thank the panels, and other alumni that serve as great mentors to our current students.

During lunch time, attendees had the opportunity to speak with prospective employers and pick up materials from companies hiring for ERME-related jobs.

In case you were unable to attend, we recorded the alumni panels. Within the next month, ERME email list subscribers will receive instruction on how to view a video of the alumni panels.

We welcome your feedback on the event and look forward planning the next Career Fair/Alumni Panel Event!
Over the past several months, the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center has continued working to finalize the International Reports of trends in mathematics, science, and reading achievement for their release in December 2012. We have recently completed our scale anchoring analyses for the TIMSS and PIRLS International Benchmarks, which describes mathematics, reading, or science achievement at the different points along the achievement scales. The Reading Development Group met in Stockholm, Sweden to conduct the PIRLS scale anchoring, and the TIMSS Science and Mathematics Item Review Committee met in Helsinki, Finland for the mathematics and science scale anchoring.

Meanwhile, we have also been busy finalizing the TIMSS and PIRLS Encyclopedias in preparation for their release in September 2012. In total, the Encyclopedias will contain 125 chapters describing the educational systems and policies related to mathematics, science, and reading in the TIMSS and PIRLS countries.

(Article written by Katie Drucker, Senior Research Associate at TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center)
Congratulations to Dana Diaconu for successfully defending her dissertation! Click her name to view abstract information

**Dana V. Diaconu**

**Title:** Modeling science achievement differences between single-sex and coeducational schools: analyses from Hong Kong, SAR and New Zealand from TIMSS 1995, 1999, and 2003

**Committee Readers:**
- Dr. Henry Braun (chair)
- Dr. Laura O’Dwyer
- DR. Mike Barnett
- DR. Damian Betebenner

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**AERA Annual Meeting 2013**

The 2013 Annual Meeting will take **April 27 - May 1, 2013** in San Francisco. Dates for open submission are: **June 1 – July 22nd, 2012**. More information can be found [here](#).

Dr. Ludlow’s drawing is a view from the Vancouver Convention Center (where the 2012 AERA Annual Meeting took place).

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**NEERO RECAP**

The 44th Annual New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO) meeting was held May 2 through May 4 this year. The Lynch School of Education was well-represented at this conference, particularly in the ERME department. ERME students, faculty and alumni presented a variety of topics, and many students from Dr. Ludlow’s Psychometrics course opted to present their Rasch models in a symposium. It was great to reconnect with ERME alumni, and meet scholars with similar interests.

**2012 NEERO participants eager to present!** (back row: Katherine Shields, Todd Reeves, Minsong Kim, Ragip Terzi, Joshua Tobias front row: Shelagh Peoples, Jessica Brown, Clair Johnson)

Ragip and Dr. Ludlow are all smiles after the Rasch Models Symposium.
Just for Fun...

SAVE THE DATE!

ERME faculty and students,

Mark your calendars for the 15th Annual Back-to-School Potluck Dinner! ERME and C&I faculty and students are cordially invited to attend our annual potluck dinner. This is an opportunity for new and continuing master’s and doctoral students to meet one another as well as a chance for faculty and students to connect with one another. More information will follow about location, what to bring, directions, RSVPs, etc. (Partners and guests are welcome.)

ERME/C&I Student/Faculty Back-to-School Potluck Dinner

Date: Sunday, September 9, 2012
Time: 4pm
Place: Cochran-Smith/Ludlow Home

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Answer revealed in the next newsletter.

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Summer Family Fun Events

Here are some kid-friendly activities and events happening around the Boston area during the summer:

**Sunday, June 10 12:00p to 3:00p**
The New School of Music Presents: a Family Music Festival
Cambridge, MA
Free music and family fun in the park! Join us as we fill the Lowell School Park with musical fun and activities for the family. Enjoy picnic games, face-painting, crafts, bake sale, concerts and a musical instrument "Petting Zoo." Suitable for all ages. [Details Here](http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts)

**Saturday, June 16 8:00a to 11:00a**
Youth Fishing Derby
Upper Artichoke Reservoir, Newburyport, MA
Free to youth ages 3-16 (parents can't fish but can help), this catch and release tournament will award those with the longest and heaviest catch of the morning (special prize for the smallest fish too). Shore fishing only! $10 registration fee. [http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts](http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts)

**Sunday, June 24, 2012, 10am – 5pm**
Chinatown Main Street Festival
Chinatown, Boston, MA
This Free event includes activities such as Childrens Chinese folk dance, Vendor booths, Chinese Dough Art, Chinese Opera, Lion Dances, and more! [http://www.chinatownmainstreet.org/events.php](http://www.chinatownmainstreet.org/events.php)

**Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**
Ice Cream and...Frogs/Fireflies/Bats
Natick, MA Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary
What's better than ice cream on a summer night? Why not add a little fun outdoor exploration? Join the adventure as we look for flashing fireflies, listen for the songs of frogs and katydids and use a "bat detector" to find our local bats.
**Fee:** Adults $12.00m/ $14.00nm, Children $7.00m/ $9.00nm
Frogs: June 26 Fireflies: July 10 Bats: July 31
**Registration is required.**
[Register online](http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts) or call 508-655-2296 to register by phone.

For past newsletters and more information, please visit:
[http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/lsoe/academics/departments/erme/community.html](http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/lsoe/academics/departments/erme/community.html)