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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 2
Classes begin

Wednesday, September 10
Last date for graduate students to drop/add online

Wednesday, October 15
2nd Annual Endowed Chairs Colloquium Series —
Dr. Marilyn Cochran-Smith and **Dr. Henry Braun**—see inside for more information.

For More Events:

Academic Calendar
<http://www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/academic/current/calendar.html>



NEWSLETTER

Welcome

New ERME Students

The ERME Community welcomes 16 new students this fall.

New students include:

M.Ed.: Elizabeth Catron, Mary Lynch, Tracy McMahon, Adam Moitoso (5th Year 07-08), Deborah (Parker) Cantor, Kendall Potter and Audra Vernon.

5th Year: Jillian Cronin, Kevin O’Neil and Amy Stabile.

Ph.D.: Chen An, Ryan Auster, Jessica Brown, Stephanie Chappe, Andrea Humez and Beth Morton.

New ERME Assistant Professor

The ERME Department welcomes **Dr. Spyros Konstantopoulos**.

Dr. Konstantopoulos received his doctorate from the University of Chicago. His research interests include: multilevel designs; power analysis; class size effects; school and teacher effects; achievement gaps.

Dr. Konstantopoulos is teaching two sections of Introductory Statistics (EDPY468.01 and EDPY468.03) this Fall and will be teaching Multivariate Statistics (EDPY668) in the Spring.

Important News & Events

Software Downloads

Many software packages are available for BC students and faculty to download, including Microsoft Office 2007, Windows Vista and SPSS.

For more information: <http://www.bc.edu/software/>



BC students, faculty, and researchers may download SPSS and install an annual license on their home (non BC-owned) computers for use with BC-related work only. Requires you to login with your BC user-name and password.

Search under **Research** on the link above.

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Recent Presentations, Publications and Activities

Dr. Henry Braun gave the Keynote address and presented a workshop on “Statistical issues in education policy research” at the Annual meeting of the Israeli Statistical Association.

Dr. Larry Ludlow:

Kharasch VS, Dumas HM, Haley SM, Wright EA, Ludlow LH, Jones DT & O'Brien JE. (2008) Bronchoscopy findings in children and young adults with tracheostomy due to congenital anomalies and neurological impairment. *Journal of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. 1, 137-143.

Dr. Spyros Konstantopoulos:

Konstantopoulos, S., & Hedges, L. V. (2008). How Large an effect can we expect from school reforms? *Teachers College Record*, 110, 1613-1640.

Konstantopoulos, S. (2008). Computing power of tests for the variability of treatment effects in designs with two levels of nesting. *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, 43, 327-352.

Konstantopoulos, S., & Constant, A. (2008). The gender gap reloaded: Are school characteristics linked to labor market performance? *Social Science Research*, 37, 374-385.

Note: The following presentation occurred in the spring but was not included in the May Newsletter.

Dana Diaconu, ERME PhD student, presented a paper at the 2008 NEERO Conference, titled: Modeling Science Achievement Differences Between Single-sex and Coeducational Schools: Hong Kong, SAR and New Zealand Datasets from TIMSS 1995, 1999, and 2003.

ERME Alumni News

Dr. Helena Miranda, ERME PhD 2007, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Research and Evaluation, College of Education, Florida Gulf Coast University. Helena will be teaching research methods, evaluation and classroom assessment classes to undergrads and grad students for the most part. She is also helping the faculty at the school of Education align assessment practices with Florida standards.

Lisa Famularo, ERME PhD 2007, was recently appointed Research Director of the Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy in Cambridge, MA. The Rennie Center produces independent research initiatives to promote public discourse on educational improvement and to inform policy discussions of key decision makers and opinion leaders. (For more information about the Rennie Center visit www.renniecenter.org). In this role, Lisa is responsible for shaping and overseeing the Center's research agenda. Upcoming projects will focus on such education reform issues as Massachusetts students opportunity to learn science, the development of cross-agency partnerships to better meet the needs of at-risk students, the role of alternative teacher education programs, and school

Three recent ERME PhD Graduates attended the Commencement Robing Ceremony on May 18th, 2008.

From L to R: Drs. **James Cheng**, **Carolyn Fidelman**, Dr. Larry Ludlow and **Wei Tao**



Please submit your recent publications, presentations or activities to Tracy McMahon at tracy.mcmahon.1@bc.edu.

New Grants

Dr. Laura O'Dwyer received an NSF award. The title of the study is "Evolution Readiness: A Modeling Approach" and is being awarded under the DR-K12 program at NSF. It is in collaboration with colleagues at the Concord Consortium.

Dr. Larry Ludlow and Dr. Marilyn Cochran-Smith received a grant from the Ford Foundation. The project is described below.

Teacher Development and Teacher Retention: Unraveling Complex Issues

Marilyn Cochran-Smith and Larry Ludlow, Co-Principal Investigators (with Drs. Joseph Pedulla and Patrick McQuillan, LSOE staff including Fran Loftus, Dr. Sarah Enterline and Deborah Parker, and numerous ERME and C&I, TE graduate assistants)

Building on the existing work of the Teachers for a New Era Evidence Team, the Ford Foundation is supporting a two-year project addressing the following questions:

- Based on longitudinal survey data and other data sets that document point of program entry through three years out of the program, what variables differentiate teachers who stay in teaching from those who do not? Can these variables be detected prior to the point at which a teacher leaves teaching?
- Based on cross-case analysis of multiple qualitative case studies of teacher candidates/teachers, what entry characteristics, preservice preparation experiences, and school conditions enhance teacher candidates/teachers' development and their career choices? What aspects of teacher education programs engender a commitment in teachers to educate all students to high expectations? What classroom and school-based experiences support teachers' efforts to fulfill this commitment?
- Based on analyses that cut across the quantitative and qualitative data described above, what are the implications for policy, practice and further research? Specifically, can preservice and/or school-based interventions be proposed that enhance the likelihood of retention?

Job Announcements

For full job descriptions, please visit the [ERME Job Blog](http://ermejobblog.blogspot.com) at

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New Job Postings:

- Maguire Associates - Research Associate and Senior Market Researcher
- The Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut - tenure-track faculty
- University of Wisconsin-Madison - Assistant or Associate Professor
- Tufts PACE Center—Associate Director and Senior Researcher positions
- Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) - Content and Design Manager
- UMass Boston Center for Social Development & Education - Program Evaluation Manager

Upcoming ERME Events

ERME Brown Bag Research Seminar

Dr. Spyros Konstantopoulos

Wednesday, October 8, 2008
12:00– 1:30 pm
Campion 306
More details to follow

ERME Emeritus Speaker Series

Dr. George Madaus

Monday, November 10th
12:00—1:00 pm
Faculty Lounge, Campion 139
More details to follow

ERME Student Representative

This year, **Jessica Brown** (ERME PhD student) is the ERME student representative.

Jessica acts as a liaison between the students and the ERME faculty. Her role is to facilitate the process of providing input and feedback from the students to the faculty and vice-versa. She will attend the monthly department meetings where she can discuss the input or questions that students have provided. Jessica is also working to organize ERME student social events. If you would like to meet Jessica, she is in Campion 336. You can also reach her by email at brownaaa@bc.edu.

ERME User's Corner

All are welcome to **contribute** items to this section of the newsletter, as well as **comment** on material that has been featured here. Please send your **feedback** to Tracy at tracy.mcmahon.1@bc.edu for printing in a later issue of the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!



LSA/GSA BOAT CRUISE!

Submitted by **Gabrielle Stanco**, ERME PhD student and Graduate Student Association's Social Committee member.

What: A fun cruise around the harbor, dancing, food and drinks!
When: Friday, September 12 from 8:00-11:30 (You MUST arrive no later than 8:00)
Where: Bay State Boat Company at the World Trade Center (see directions below)

Tickets are \$25 each and you may buy up to 2 with a BC ID. Each ticket gets you dinner and 2 free drinks. All ticket holders must be 21 years old or older -- IDs will be checked before boarding the boat. Tickets are on sale NOW at the Murray Graduate Center.

Directions: Bay State Cruise Company, 200 Seaport Blvd. Suite 75, Boston MA 02210

Subway: Silver Line – Take the subway to South Station and transfer to the Silver Line – Waterfront Bus SL 1 or SL 2

Car: The pier is conveniently located at the World Trade Center on Seaport Blvd.

For More Directions: <http://www.baystatecruisecompany.com/charter.html>



Upcoming LSOE Events

BOSTON COLLEGE

DEAN JOSEPH M. O'KEEFE, S.J.

invites you to

THE 9TH ANNUAL LYNCH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SERIES

"Serving the Children of Boston Through Partnership"

UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION
WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008 AT 4:30 PM

2nd Annual

Endowed Chairs' Colloquium Series

2008-2009

Endowed Chairs	Date	Location	Time	Title
Marilyn Cochran-Smith Henry Braun	October 15, 2008	Campion 139	12-1:30	"Accountability Systems and Teacher Education: Promises and Realities"
Mary Walsh Janet Helms A.J. Franklin	December 3, 2008	Campion 139	12-1:30	"Student Achievement is Greater than the Sum of the 3 R's"
Phil Altbach Andy Hargreaves	January 14, 2009	Campion 139	12-1:30	"Getting Outside Our- selves: Other Sectors, Other Countries"
Endowed Chairs Panel	March 25, 2009	Campion 139	12-1:30	"Five Minutes with the New President"

ERME Department Calendar

September 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Classes Start	3 ERME Orientation	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Potluck Party	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



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