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Learning Technologies Quarterly News Update

A summary of newsmakers, alumni advancements, events and the latest developments at GSEP.

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Making Waves »

Visiting Professor Lectures on Educational Technology across the Globe



Dr. Gary Stager, visiting professor, has been traveling the world from California to Qatar to lecture on a variety of topics in educational technology at prestigious education conferences. Stager began his 1:1 laptop lecture circuit at the National Association of Secondary Principals Conference in San Diego, where he discussed "Leading a Vision of 1:1 Computing Innovation Worth Sustaining." Stager has been passionate about the 1:1 computing movement throughout his career. [more>>](#)

OMET Alumnus Launches Virtual Alumni Chapter for Program



Robert Martellacci, alumnus of the Online Master of Arts in Educational Technology program, has been inspiring those in education and industry to embrace 21st century technological learning via his role as president and publisher of MindShare Learning and the MindShare Learning Report. MindShare Learning Report, Canada's premier education technology eMagazine, recently celebrated its first anniversary, and to coincide with that event Martellacci is launching a chief information officer virtual webinar series. In addition, he will launch the first national MindShare Learning Educational Technology Industry Leadership Summit at York University later

this year. [more>>](#)

EDTECH Student Advances Digital Literacy at Home and Abroad



Lani Fraizer, a student in the Educational Technology doctoral program, is collaborating with nonprofit Street-to-School-to-Work, NGO to provide information technology (IT) education to underprivileged youth in Ghana, West Africa. In addition to her international outreach efforts, Fraizer has had an impact on local law enforcement's utilization of IT. [more>>](#)

In The News »

- **Los Angeles Times** (Education Supplement), February 27: GSEP's Online Master of Arts in Educational Technology program is featured in the cover story, "Virtually Educated." The program is highlighted in the sub-section "Hybrid Online Programs," and references both visiting faculty member Dr. Margaret Riel's United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) award for Distance Learning Teaching, and the program's USDLA award for Best Practices.
- **Edutopia**, February 18: Terry Smith, a doctoral student in Educational Technology, was the subject of an article on project-based learning entitled "Project Management Keeps Learning on Track" in the popular education magazine. He will be presenting his paper on project-based learning at the Irish Educational Technology Users' Conference, EdTech 2009, at the National College of Ireland in Dublin, Ireland from May 21 to 22. The conference theme is "2020 Vision: Changing Learning Futures through Technology."

Alumni Updates »

Dave Harmeyer, EDTECH, '07, was recently appointed to associate dean of University Libraries at Azusa Pacific University, and the board of the Journal of Religious and Theological Information. His own submission, entitled "Academic Librarians in Second Life: Thoughts on Ethical, Moral, and Legal Issues," was recently accepted for publication in the prestigious periodical.

Paul Reynolds, OMET '06, and president of FableVision, the award-winning developer of educational media and digital games, hosted Boston's Mayor Thomas Menino for the unveiling of a major new initiative to grow and sustain Boston's \$200 million digital game industry.

Resources »

NEW ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP – APPLY NOW



GSEP is excited to announce a new scholarship program to support Pepperdine alumni during the current economic downturn. The Waves Education Development Growth and Excellence (EDGE) program is open to all Pepperdine alumni interested in pursuing one of the six master's or five doctoral degrees offered at GSEP starting in summer or fall 2009. Waves EDGE was created to demonstrate GSEP's concern for our valued Pepperdine alumni, and reach out to them in a meaningful way during these difficult economic times.

Recipients will be awarded \$5,000 toward a master's degree, and \$10,000 toward a doctoral degree, to be disbursed over the first 3 terms of their program. To qualify, applicants must meet the admissions requirements and be accepted to their program of choice, complete a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and submit the three question scholarship application. Awards will be based on financial need, clarity of career goals, and alumni affinity for the university's mission.

Call Financial Aid at **310-568-5775**, e-mail gsepfaid@pepperdine.edu or visit the [web site](#).

WRITING SUPPORT

The Writing Support Center (WLA Graduate Campus, Room 522) offers guidance on the dissertation process, comprehensive reviews of papers and dissertations, advice on APA formatting, and workshops on writing mechanics. Make an appointment to talk in-



person, over the phone, or via SKYPE, or visit the center during walk-in hours (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Call Gina Meister at **310-258-2815**, e-mail regina.meister@pepperdine.edu or visit the [web site](#).

CAREER SERVICES



Advance your career by utilizing the specialized support and resources provided by GSEP Career Services. Assistance includes career counseling, cover letter and resume review, job search guidance, and interview preparation. Career Services also hosts PepPro, an easy-to-use database listing open positions, networking events, and other tools.

To set-up your PepPro username and password:

1. Visit <https://gsep-pepperdine-csm.symplicity.com/students/>
2. Click on the "Register" tab

Call Career Services at **310-568-5666**, e-mail gsep.careerservices@pepperdine.edu or visit the [web site](#).

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Are you interested in enhancing your professional profile? Explore new learning opportunities at a GSEP information session. GSEP offers six master's and five doctoral programs across its five graduate campus locations throughout Southern California and online. Programs are fully accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or the American Psychological Association. Visit the [web site](#).

COUNSELING CLINICS



Counseling is one way to enhance your coping skills. GSEP manages three counseling clinics at which members of the Pepperdine community can receive low fee services. The clinics are open to the public, and provide affordable, high quality, individualized therapy in a supportive and accepting environment.

Call the clinics toll-free at **866-396-8970**, or visit the [web site](#).

Upcoming Events »

- **14th Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books**
April 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
UCLA Campus

Please stop by the Pepperdine University booth to see titles from faculty and alumni, including *From Crime to Crime* by GSEP alumnus Dennis Palumbo.

- **Phi Delta Kappa Chalk Walk**
May 3, 8:30 a.m.
Exposition Park, Los Angeles

Chalk Walk is a fundraiser to support teachers locally and nationally by improving

the status of the educational profession and creating community solidarity. Chalk Walk is sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa (PDK), the premier professional association for educators. PDK serves practicing teachers, administrators, college educators, and those concerned about public education.

Call April Uhlig at **310-568-5770**, e-mail pdk@pepperdine.edu.
Visit the Chalk Walk [web site](#).
Visit the PDK [web site](#).

- **Lessons from Successful Charter Schools**
May 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
West Los Angeles Graduate Campus

Are you interested in or currently working at a California charter school? Attend this upcoming seminar, hosted by the GSEP Superintendent Advisory Council, to increase your skills and network with charter school leaders. Discussion topics will include using accountability measures and data to improve student achievement, parent engagement and outreach, creating a college-bound culture, and utilizing community partnerships to support student achievement. Presenters will include experts and peers from the Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools, Global Education Academy (K-5), Camino Nuevo Charter School (K-8), Oakland Aviation High School, and Gertz-Ressler High School. In addition, principals from local charter schools will be present and recruiting teachers for open positions. The \$10 cost includes the seminar, breakfast, and lunch. Call **310-568-5622** or [RSVP](#) online.

- **OMET Action Research Exhibition Conference**
June 18, 8:30 a.m. to June 19, 11:30 a.m.
West Los Angeles Graduate Campus

The participatory action research projects are a key component of the Online Master of Arts in Educational Technology (OMET) program. The projects require students to conceptualize, strategize, and implement a systematic investigation of their workplace practices. Students will present their research in one and a half hour sessions, followed by a discussion, and a break for guests to visit the booths. Two presentations will be held on Thursday morning, three on Thursday afternoon, and one on Friday morning. The last hour will include a poster session and an alumni panel on how action research continues to enhance their workplace learning.

E-mail Dr. Margaret Riel at margaret.riel@pepperdine.edu or Dr. Paul Sparks at paul.sparks@pepperdine.edu
Visit the OMET [web site](#).

- **Commencement**
June 20, 10:30 a.m.
Malibu Campus, Alumni Park

Sharon Draper, a New York Times best-selling author and five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, will give the commencement speech, and alumna (2004) Jennifer Trubenbach, executive director of Operation of Hope, an organization that performs free facial reconstructive surgeries on children in need, will receive the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Call Vanessa Jahn at **310-568-2344** or e-mail vanessa.jahn@pepperdine.edu
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