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Master of Arts in Education Quarterly News Update

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

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Making Waves »

GSEP Chapter of California Association for Bilingual Education Installs New Officers and Participates in Annual Conference



The GSEP chapter of the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) recently installed new officers: Jeneffer Osorio as vice president, Mireya Garcia as secretary, and Gloria Gasca as treasurer. The officers joined alumnus Edgar Angulo, who is currently serving the second year of his term as president. In addition, CABE worked with the GSEP Office of Alumni Relations to coordinate the second annual GSEP CABE Visionary Award reception, held on February 26. The reception coincided with the 2009 annual CABE conference at the Long Beach Convention Center from February 25-28, at which several faculty members, alumni, and students made presentations. [more>>](#)

Assistant Professor of Education Contributing to Academic and Local Communities



Dr. Jeanmarie Hamilton Boone, assistant professor of education, recently presented research on cultural competence at the Hawaii International Conference on Education and the California Association of Bilingual Education Conference. In her spare time, Hamilton Boone holds weekend community workshops on literacy and job-interviewing techniques at the Corona Public Library. She also started a weekend tutoring program for underprivileged youth in Riverside, California. [more>>](#)

GSEP Students and Urban High School Students Attend Screening of Oscar-Nominated Film



Twenty students from Gertz-Ressler High School participating in the Riordan Extreme Leadership Program attended the 15th annual City of Angels Film Festival on February 27 at the Directors Guild Theater in the heart of Hollywood, California. The students and their GSEP mentors viewed Academy Award nominated documentary "The Garden," featuring an urban oasis developed by Latino farmers in South Los Angeles. The Riordan Extreme Leadership Program, led by Dr. Anthony Collatos, assistant professor of education, promotes leadership skills in urban high school students. [more>>](#)

Students from Youth Empowerment and Research Seminar Examine Democratic Process at Critical 2009 California Republican Convention



Seven Southeast Los Angeles high school students traveled to Sacramento from February 20 to 22 to survey how representatives at the California Republican Party Convention would organize their efforts following the Democrats' takeover of the nation. The students participated as members of the Youth Empowerment and Research Seminar (YEARS), a program designed to encourage civic participation and critical research. YEARS is coordinated by GSEP in partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District Local District 6. Students participate in YEARS at no cost to themselves or their families thanks to generous sponsorships provided by Arsalyn, a program of the Ludwick Family Foundation. [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 »

Bertha Benavides, MAETC '02, received the second annual GSEP California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) Visionary Award, which recognizes an alum for his or her work in advancing bilingual education.

Ginger Carlson, MAETC '97, authored award-winning book *Child of Wonder: Nurturing Creative and Naturally Curious Children* (Common Ground Press, 2008) to teach parents and educators how to encourage children's creative development through the use of hands-on activities..

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](#).

UNIVERSITY INTERN PROGRAM



Students attending classes at the West Los Angeles Graduate Campus can apply to the University Intern Program, which aims to address the shortage of qualified teachers in underserved local communities by developing students' multicultural and professional competencies. Students can earn full-time pay while completing the requirements for their teaching credential; pursue leadership opportunities in their school; receive individualized support from the program director, a collaborative coach, and a field supervisor; and graduate with one full year of teaching experience.

Call Dr. Spring Cooke at **310-568-5636** or e-mail spring.cooke@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.symphlicity.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](#).
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- **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.

- **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.

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