Welcome to the IEDP. We are delighted to welcome a new cohort of outstanding students interested in international educational development. This is an exciting year in many ways, with each student bringing his or her own diverse skills, as well as the numerous activities, visiting speakers, and internships organized through the program. We’re delighted you have joined us, and we look forward to getting to know all of you.

Again, welcome!

-Professor Dan Wagner, IEDP Director

The International Educational Development Program commences its fifth year with a diverse group of students. Members of the 2012-2013 hail from China to Haiti, Kazakhstan to India, New York to California and everywhere in between. The cohort brings with them a wide range of experience and interests. We wish them all a successful semester!

Fran Vavrus
Sept. 17th, 12:00pm Silverstein Forum, Stiteler Hall.

In this presentation, Dr. Fran Vavrus draws on two decades of research in the Mount Kilimanjaro region. She will specifically discuss her forthcoming book co-authored by...
cohort admitted: “I have learned so much... and I could not have learned what I know now in a classroom.” Her sentiment echoes comments made by the other 24 students who participated in the IEDP summer internship program. With support from PennGSE, the 6-10 week internship provides students with a critical opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned in their courses to complex, real-world challenges and often helps launch an exciting career trajectory.

Students in the 2012 cohort were dispersed throughout the world working with partner organizations on projects related to international education development. Locations included Bosnia, Botswana, Chile, China, Germany, France, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Senegal, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda and the US, with organizations such as UNESCO, World Vision, OECD, RTI, Molteno Institute for Language and Literacy, and IDEO.ORG. Working on set of defined tasks, IEDP students delved into projects tackling early grade reading in low-income schools, teaching innovations for math and science, girls’ and women’s education, adult literacy, leadership curriculum for out-of-school youth, among others.

In spite of the geographic distribution of IEDP interns, students were able to share experiences, pictures, videos, and work updates on the course website and other social media sites. Learning from each other and providing each other with support and feedback, the students gained even more exposure to the range of projects relevant to the field of international education development.

At the October 4th IEDP Proseminar, some of the students from the 2012 cohort will provide brief presentations on their internships. This will be a great way to learn first-hand about the types of projects that may be available in the summer of 2013, and to begin thinking about how you will apply the knowledge you will gain in the IEDP to real-world challenges outside of the classroom!

-Katie Murphy, PhD Candidate ISHD

Read more about the internships and the students's experiences.

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**Upcoming Events**

**The Wage Penalty for Motherhood: Worse at the Top or Bottom?**

September 19th, Wednesday 12:00pm
McNeil Building, Room 103

The Sociology Department's weekly colloquium brings in Paula England from New York University to present her current research and engage in
discussion with faculty and graduate students.

**60-Second Lecture: Patriotism and the Priority of Global Justice?**

September 26, Wednesday 11:55am  
Stiteler Plaza (SAS)

Join the School of Arts and Sciences and Professor Kok-Chor Tan in a race against the clock as he works to fit a world of knowledge and discovery into just one minute of time.

**Beyond the Blue Beret: United Nations' Interventions**

September 28th, Friday 12:00-2:00pm  
Drexel University, MacAlister 2019/2020

Though the U.N. has succeeded with certain missions, its failures have led some to question various U.N. strategies. Are interventions effective in creating long-term peace? Are the peacekeepers truly keeping the peace? Are these interventions even lawful?

Along with a faculty facilitator who guides the conversation, a small panel of pre-selected students provides short presentations followed by an open forum for guests to voice opinions, concerns, and perspectives from their own culture.

For more information contact Drexel's Office of International Programs at oip@drexel.edu

**See GSE's Calendar for more upcoming events**

We are proud to bring you this monthly newsletter on the International Educational Development Program and hope you find it informative and useful. Please contact us if you have an event or piece of news the IEDP community may find helpful or interesting.

We are excited to begin what will surely be a year of great growth and look forward to sharing it with you through this newsletter.

Sincerely,

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