Dear Friends and Colleagues of the IEDP,

This past month has been so busy it is hard to believe that we are already nearly halfway through Spring semester 2013! The IEDP cohort still finds time to balance work and play, however, as we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day together over a shared Chinese hot pot dinner (pictured above) followed by Karaoke in Center City.

In late January, the IEDP welcomed Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) expert Mike Trucano from the World Bank. As part of the ICT4D speaker series co-sponsored by IEDP, Trucano spoke on the exciting ways in which technology is being used for educational purposes in developing countries. Follow his World Bank blog to learn more about his work with exciting ICT4D initiatives. A few IEDP students had the opportunity to speak with him before the lecture to gain a more nuanced understanding what it means to be the World Bank’s premiere specialist on ICT4D.

Fida J. Adely from Georgetown University was the first speaker of the Spring 2013 IEDP lecture series on February 6. She presented on her longitudinal study on the role of education, faith, nationalism and development in the lives of girls in Jordan. To learn more on Dr. Adely’s analysis of gender roles in Jordan, listen to her lecture on IEDP’s youtube channel and read her book, Gendered Paradoxes: Educating Jordanian Women in Nation, Faith and Progress.

In this month’s newsletter, learn about IEDP affiliated faculty member Joseph Sun’s work with technology initiatives in developing nations, read Stephanie Blochinger's account of life after graduating from the IEDP, and consider attending an upcoming social or
professional event.

Sincerely,

Laura McAdams
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Current IEDP M.S.Ed. Student

Faculty Spotlight

Mr. Joseph Sun

This month we highlight the work of Joseph Sun, an affiliated faculty member of the international educational development program. Mr. Sun is Vice Dean for Academic Affairs at Penn's School of Engineering and Applied Science, where is responsible for the school's international initiatives. This semester he is co-teaching a course at GSE, EDUC 677 Information and Communication Technologies for Education and Development in Global Perspective, with Dr. Dan Wagner.

Mr. Sun's interest in technology and international development began as a graduate student in Appropriate Technology and Energy Management for Development, a policy planning master's program that focused on the challenges surrounding international development. His field work was on rural household energy use in China, where he studied biomass energy utilization in Henan Province.

Mr. Sun has pioneered numerous international projects over the past 20 years, including partnerships with NGOs and local universities to establish community technology centers in Ecuador, India, Pakistan, Mali, Ghana, and Cameroon to provide computer and internet access to the general public. More recently, projects have involved work with the Penn Global Biomedical Service program (GBS), an annual summer program providing orthotics clinical services to needy children in southern China and the Penn International Development Summer Institute - Africa (IDS), a month-long summer program in Ghana that provides development experience to undergraduates across Penn. Mr. Sun was the spearhead behind IDS, co-developing and running this dynamic program with the African Studies Center.

Cross-disciplinary in much of his initiatives, Mr. Sun's current involvement includes a corn silage improvement study in China with the School of Veterinary Medicine; designing appropriate point-of-care diagnostics devices for countries in Africa with the Medicine, Veterinary, and Design schools; and a project led by Annenberg Communications researchers involving Wharton and the Law and Engineering schools on digital privacy and free expression practices among companies. Learn more about Mr. Sun and his work here.

Alumni Spotlight

Every month we will highlight one former IEDP student and their activities since graduating from Penn. This month we introduce you to

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Stephanie Blochinger

Stephanie Blochinger is a recent August 2012 graduate of the IEDP. Her summer internship took place at the Institute of International Education (IIE) in Washington, DC. There, she conducted research on the impact of short-term study tours on professionals as well as assisted with the launch of social media in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). The IVLP is a State Department sponsored exchange program for current and emerging leaders from around the world, and IIE is one of several organizations that administers the program.

After the conclusion of her internship, she was hired as a Temporary Program Associate for the IVLP at IIE, and when that contract was up, she was hired full-time as a Program Associate. In this position, she manages the financial and logistical arrangements for groups of visitors coming to the U.S. for the IVLP program. Additionally, she has had several professional development opportunities including assisting with writing project proposals, increasing internal recognition of the IVLP within IIE, as well as continuing with the research she conducted last summer. Many of the projects she works on deal with emerging leaders from developing countries, which she sees as a good balance between development and international education through exchanges.

Upcoming IEDP Events

Wednesday, February 20
Happy Hour with the IEDP (location and time TBA)

Thursday, February 21
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Houston Hall
The Start-Up Career Fair will feature opportunities with a range of start-ups from around the country. Students from all majors are welcome; start-ups look for interns/new hires in technical, strategic, marketing, finance, business development, and many other roles. More information here.

Friday, February 22
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Houston Hall
The Spring Career Fair will showcase internship and full-time opportunities in a range of industries, including Education, Nonprofit/Public Service, Government/Public Administration, Health Care/Biomedical/Pharmaceutical, Communications/Media/Advertising/PR, Consulting, Engineering/Technical/Manufacturing, Finance, Hospitality, Insurance, and Retail/Wholesale/Consumer Products. More information here.

Wednesday, February 27
Movie Night with the IEDP (location and time TBA)

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