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GSE Website

Led by David Bullock, the GSE website is undergoing a facelift. Included in the project is the development of individual web pages for each faculty member. The doctoral program is also in the process of updating its web pages to better serve our current and future students. Changes in the website are expected to "go live" in the spring. For additional details on the overall project contact Deb Nelli, graduate assistant, at nellyi@pdx.edu.

Faculty and Staff

Swapna Mukhopadhyay, Ph.D. received her doctorate in 1989 from Syracuse University. She teaches in the Curriculum and Instruction area and is currently facilitating the Dissertation Proposal Development Seminar.

Tom Chenoweth, Ph.D. received his doctorate in 1984 from Stanford University. Tom teaches Educational Administration classes and a core research class. Tom advises four doctoral students.

Both Swapna and Tom serve on the Doctoral Program Council addressing program and policy issues.

Sandy Wiscarson, MS is the Director of Development for the Graduate School of Education. She received her M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Sandy works in the Dean's office and manages fundraising and donor gifts. For additional details on a matching gift program currently underway, see page 2 of *The Third Degree*.

Accolades and Acknowledgements

Three of our education doctoral students completed their dissertations in the fall.

Congratulations to:
Stephan Gilchrist (CI)
Cynthia Jaeger-Sash (CI)
William Parnell (CI)

Also of note are Tanya Ostrogorsky (PACE), Steve Giere (EdAd), and Helen Young (SpEd/Coun) who completed their dissertation proposals.

Congratulations to these students who passed their comprehensive examination in the fall:

Specialty
Susan Stein (CI)
Ed Hartin (PACE)
Tian Xialoing (CI)

Kudos to Maria Carrillo from Sunset High School, Beaverton School District. Maria recently received the Miliken Family National Educator Award. She is also a doctoral student at Portland State in Curriculum and Instruction.

Calendar

February

23—Diversity Career Panel: Companies that hire a diverse workforce. 5:30-7:00 p.m. Smith Center. Room 228

March

6—Effective Interviewing Strategies. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact the PSU Career Center for details.
20-25 Finals Week

April

7-11 American Educational Research Association conference in San Francisco

All doctoral students and GSE staff are invited to participate in a gathering on April 19 from 4:30-5:45. Details on this event will be sent over the Eds list serve.

Homeier-Anderson Doctoral Scholarship

The Homeier-Anderson Doctoral Scholarship is an award of \$1,000. to a female enrolled in the doctoral program within the Graduate School of Education who has recently completed the first year or two of core classes and is in the early stages of research. Application deadline: February 27, 2006. For more information access: http://www.ed.pdx.edu/fin_aid.shtml and open Homeier-Anderson Scholarship.

Marie Brown Travel Award

The Marie Brown Graduate Student Travel Award is again available through the Office of Graduate Studies. This award provides travels expenses for graduate students up to \$400. The next application due date is April 14. See the application form for eligibility requirements and submission deadlines: http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_funding_scholarships.html.

Reminder: Have you talked with your advisor recently? Keeping your advisor up-to-date on your program and other significant events in your life is an important part of progressing through the doctoral program.

In Focus: Successful Student Research

By PSU Education Librarian, Sarah Beasley



Cited Reference Searching

Have you ever wanted a database that could help you discover relationships among research papers in the way you do when you follow the trail of cited references at the end of a great article? Without having to track them all down? Do you wonder what subsequent research has come from a study? Do you wonder if the terrific article could be considered seminal? Are there other studies which have cited some of the same sources?

The *Social Sciences Citation Index* (SSCI), (aka *Web of Science*) can help. You can use the database as a discovering-articles-on-a-topic source in the way you would with *Education Full Text* or *ERIC*, but its inherent value is in citation searching, e.g. you start with a known article and determine if the article has been cited subsequent to its publication.

Things to keep in mind

The publisher of SSCI is highly selective in the choice of source journals that it includes. (804 social science journals are used as sources). In the field of education only 103 journals are included (see list: <http://sunweb.isinet.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jlresults.cgi?PC=J&SC=HA>); for special education there are 29 (<http://sunweb.isinet.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jlresults.cgi?PC=J&SC=HE>). The references are drawn from the cited reference lists of articles in these journals. The upside of SSCI's selectivity is that you are searching through the core, high quality research journals.

Getting there

1. From the Library's A-Z databases list (<http://www.lib.pdx.edu/systems/eresources/resourcesByAlpha.php>), select Social Sciences Citation Index
2. At the Web of Science opening screen, deselect the science and humanities citation indexes
3. Click the 'Cited Reference Search' button
4. Type the author's last name followed by a first initial e.g. Everhart R
5. From the list of retrieved citations, check the ones you're interested in and click the 'Finish Search' button
6. The list of articles which have cited the source article will appear.
7. You can download and email citations to yourself.
8. Use the "PSU Links" icon to link to the online article or lookup the journal in our catalog.

Tutorials and guides for Web of Science are available:

Web of Science tutorial: <http://scientific.thomson.com/tutorials/wos7>

Cited Reference Searching tutorial:

<http://scientific.thomson.com/tutorials/ccrs/ccrs1.html>

Make an appointment to see me if you'd like to follow up on this researching technique.

A Matching Gift Opportunity

Miller Foundation Challenge for Student Scholarships

Portland State University's *Building Our Future* capital campaign calls for raising new scholarship funds throughout the University. A generous challenge from the James F. & Marion L. Miller Foundation will help PSU raise an additional \$500,000. For more information contact Sandy Wiscarson, wiscarsc@pdx.edu.

The Challenge:

- Scholarship gifts from **new donors** will be matched **dollar for dollar**
- Total matching funds available: \$250,000

How your gift qualifies:

- If you (your household) have never made a gift to Portland State
- \$1 up to \$20,000 of your gift will be matched
- When your gift is made to one of our scholarship funds

Basic conditions:

- Gifts made to the PSU Foundation are fully tax deductible
- Funds must be received in full by June 30, 2006 (Note: This challenge is throughout PSU, so earlier gifts are better assured of match availability)
- Matching funds will be paid to the same scholarship as the donor's gift