

# *The L.P.C. Newsletter*

The Newsletter for developing Leaders, Practitioners, and Collaborators.

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## *Notes from the Director*

I am thrilled to report that, as word spreads about the Graduate Program in Education at Messiah College, the program continues to rapidly grow. Our first student to graduate will walk down the aisle in May, with a second student following closely behind in December. As our graduates enter the professional world, we will see firsthand the benefits that come from hard work in a graduate program that is dedicated to preparing exemplary educational leaders, collaborators, and practitioners.

Our program is also expanding across borders, as we have students enrolled from many distant states, including Massachusetts, and other countries, such as China and South Korea. As it happens, we will soon have students from four different continents enrolled in the program.

We cannot overemphasize the desirability of a global educational community. I am convinced that when given an opportunity to study and interact with teachers from all over the world, educators and those we educate will be strengthened both personally and professionally.



It is just a matter of time.

Peace,

*Dr. Nancy Patrick*

Director of the Graduate  
Program in Education

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Dr. Jan Dormer had the opportunity to travel to Chiang Mai, Thailand, during the week of Thanksgiving this past year. She was invited to speak at the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Asia conference on the topic of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Nearly 700 teachers and administrators from international schools all over Asia attended the conference.

Dr. Dormer spent the three days of the conference presenting TESOL seminars to 60 to 70 attendees each day. For a six-hour pre-conference seminar called, "Walk Through Grammar," Dr. Dormer provided techniques for teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), using creative and fun ways of moving and marching to represent different types of verbs. During the conference, she provided three workshops on language acquisition. Through attending the seminars and workshops led by Dr. Dormer, as well as completing follow-up work online, participants could earn credit in Messiah College's M.Ed. program.

While abroad, Dr. Dormer was able to renew old friendships she had made during



the eight years she worked in two Indonesian international schools. She also met with prospective Messiah College students and the director of GoEd, which is a partner study abroad program.

Dr. Dormer is thankful for the time she was able to spend in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and the surrounding area. Missing her family's gathering during the holiday was a small price to pay for the opportunity to meet new colleagues, to renew old friendships, and to also meet with teachers who are living sacrificially everyday to serve others through education.

Although she was exhausted on the plane ride home, Dr. Dormer was giving thanks for God's goodness in allowing her to be a very small part of His work in Asia.

The Graduate Program in Education will soon have its first graduate! Kari Dyrli Hermeling, a Messiah College alum, will graduate from the M.Ed. program in May 2013.

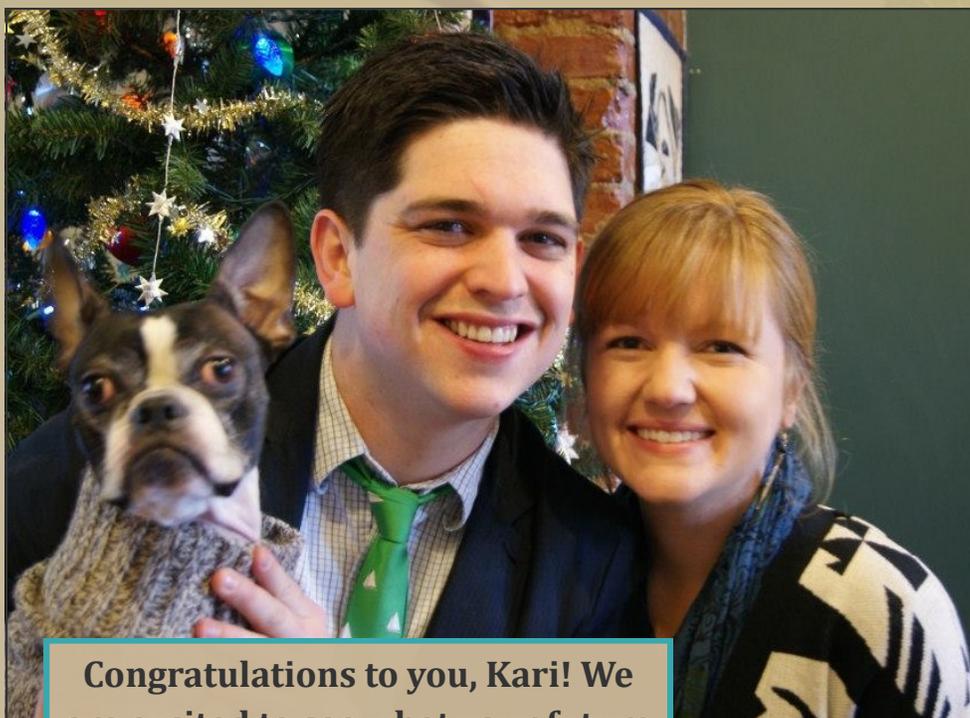
“A good professor can make the theory and content from a textbook come to life in sharing his or her own life story while welcoming students to picture themselves in a similar future scenario.” Kari says, “In my experience, Messiah has

worked hard to create an affirming and inspiring learning environment, where students are encouraged to pursue their goals whole-heartedly.”

Kari hopes that with an M.Ed. focusing on TESOL, she will be able to work with international students who desire to improve their English proficiency, before or during their studies in the United States. She is also interested in the experience of refugees who are placed in our midst with few, if any, people to advocate

for them.

Kari says, “language is so deeply integrated into the human experience that welcoming others to our country through the language classroom envelopes so much more--advocacy, compassion, service, peace-building, reconciliation, understanding diversity, and dismantling racism--all key components of my education at Messiah College.”



**Congratulations to you, Kari! We are excited to see what your future holds and the positive impact you will inevitably have on the world.**

Kari ('06) is a fifth grade teacher at New Hope Academy Charter School in York, Pennsylvania. She lives with her husband Drew ('06) and their Boston terrier Brighton in Midtown Harrisburg.

The experiences and expertise of Kari's professors have significantly impacted her:



As our Graduate Program in Education continues to grow, we are regularly welcoming new students. One of our newest additions is Anthony Hutcheson, and we want to give our readers the opportunity to get to know him.

In pursuit of a career change, Anthony made the decision to go back to school and earn his certificate in Elementary Education. After he attained this certification in December of 2010, he began substituting in central Pennsylvania school districts.

Anthony is currently teaching full-time in a fifth grade classroom at a local elementary

school. He is also married with two daughters. The challenge in this is finding time to balance family, work, and school all at once.

Through the program, Anthony would like to mature and grow individually, intellectually, and professionally. He also hopes that this experience will help him to become a better leader, as well as a more understanding and compassionate teacher. Once he graduates the program, he plans to use the tools he receives through the Mas-

ters in Special Education program at Mess-



ah College in an elementary school classroom for many years to come.



***Rob Pepper and Jackie Gehman  
hard at work recruiting students for our  
Graduate Program in Education!***

**Spread the word about our graduate  
program to your friends and colleagues!**

**TESOL 2013: International Convention  
And English Language Expo**

March 20-23, 2013, Dallas, TX

“Harmonizing Language, Heritage, and Cultures”

[www.tesol.org/convention2013](http://www.tesol.org/convention2013)

**CELT 2013: Christians in English  
Language Teaching Conference**

March 20, 2013

Dallas Baptist University

Plenary Speaker: Dr. Mary Wong

A 25 minute train ride to TESOL 2013

[www.celea.net/conference/celt-2013-dallas](http://www.celea.net/conference/celt-2013-dallas)

**The Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher  
Educators (PAC-TE) Spring Conference**

April 16, 2013

Penn Stater Conference Center

“Preparing Teachers and Educational Leaders Who Will  
Begin Their Careers Under Pennsylvania’s Educator  
Effectiveness Project”

[www.pac-te.org/](http://www.pac-te.org/)

## **TESOL Virtual Seminar**

**“The Keys to Success in Teaching English to Young Learners”**

April 24, 2013, online

Presenter: Joan Kang Shin

[www.tesol.org/events-landing-page/2012/12/03/the-keys-to-success-in-teaching-english-to-young-learners](http://www.tesol.org/events-landing-page/2012/12/03/the-keys-to-success-in-teaching-english-to-young-learners)

## **Teacher Recruitment Day Consortium Job Fair**

March 21, 2013

Millersville University

[www.collegecentral.com/trd/](http://www.collegecentral.com/trd/)

## **Central Pennsylvania Employment Consortium (CPEC)**

### **Job & Internship Fair**

February 19, 2013

Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

[www.cpec.info](http://www.cpec.info)

## **North Central PA Education Consortium 2013**

April 10, 2013

Bloomsburg University

[www.departments.bloomu.edu/career/ConsortiumRecruiters.html](http://www.departments.bloomu.edu/career/ConsortiumRecruiters.html)

Registration for Summer 2013 began January 29, 2013

Summer classes: May 19 - August 19, 2013, all online.

**EDME 532: TESOL Internship and Seminar**

Late Summer classes: July 29 - August 2, 2013, intensive, all on campus.

**EDME 502: Advanced Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Education**

**EDME 504: Family and Community Partnerships**

**Be sure to consult your degree audit on Banner and meet with your advisor before registering!**

**All courses can be submitted for Act 48 credit.**

**SAS/Inclusive courses are identified in the program.**

**For more information visit:**

**[http://www.messiah.edu/academics/graduate\\_studies/Education/curriculum/Act48.html](http://www.messiah.edu/academics/graduate_studies/Education/curriculum/Act48.html)**

**How well do you know us?**

Which two program instructors travelled to Asia during the Fall of 2012?

The first four emails to [apatton@messiah.edu](mailto:apatton@messiah.edu) that contain the correct answer will receive a free cookie voucher for the Falcon, that you can redeem when on campus.

**Consider this:**

*“Education is not the  
filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a fire.”*

**-William Butler Yeats**