



GRADUATE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS: EDUCATION



The end of the spring semester generally signals the end of the academic year for many, but in the Graduate Program of Education (GPE), we are pleased to say that we offer courses year round. The GPE offers courses leading to a M.Ed. in the areas of special education, TESOL, and Curriculum and Instruction. We also offer post-baccalaureate programs that lead to Pennsylvania teacher certification in ESL, Special Education grades PreK-8, Special Education grades 7 to 12, and the ASD Endorsement. Additionally, students in our program may also elect to take courses to earn Messiah College Certificates of Graduate Studies in Autism Spectrum Disorders or TESOL.

I am very excited to report that we have just added a new Certification of Graduate Studies in Bilingual Education and TESOL. This certificate will be of particular interest to anyone working in a bilingual or multilingual school in the United States or abroad. Expert faculty in Bilingual Education and TESOL teach the courses leading to this certificate and all of the courses are available online. The program begins in August 2016.

It is our desire to continue building and refining the Graduate Program in Education to remain relevant, so that we can meet the ongoing needs of educators from around the world. If you have ideas on other types of programs and certifications that could be added to our program to meet educator needs, please send those to npatrick@messiah.edu. I would love to hear from you.

Warmly,
Nancy J. Patrick, Ph.D.
Director of the Graduate Program in Education

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GPE News. . .

Graduate Thesis Presentation:

This past April 19, Lilian Schultz delivered her thesis presentation entitled "English as a Foreign Language in Malaysia: Voices from Malaysian English Teachers." Boyer 131 was filled to capacity for Lilian's presentation. She discussed the findings of her qualitative research thesis that was gathered from interviews with five Malaysian English teachers who have chosen to teach in public schools in Malaysia, because they want to make a difference in the lives of the students there. Lilian explored their frustrations and their joy as they shared with her their journey of teaching in schools that are divergently different. Lilian's research delved into how Malaysian English teachers feel about their professional lives, what issues these teachers see as having significant impact on their work, and the kinds of resources or development they need in order to support their profession.

Guests to the presentation were treated to some traditional Malaysian fare, that included mini empanadas stuffed with potatoes and curry, assorted Dim Sum, and Teriyaki chicken sates with peanut sauce.

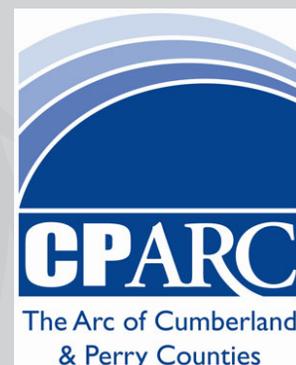


Dr. Patrick Presents on ASD at Local Conference

This spring, Nancy J. Patrick, Ph.D., and two Messiah College alumni, Steven Collier and Kati Siconolfi, presented on the topic of "Autism Spectrum Disorder through the Life Span: Joys and Challenges" at the Annual CPARC Journey through Special Education Conference in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

The day-long presentation covered the joys and challenges of living with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) throughout a lifetime, as experienced by teens, young adults, and adults with ASD. The overarching goal for the session was to help participants "think in autism" by learning to view the world from the perspective of an individual with an ASD. Included in the presentation were effective strategies and solutions for common challenges in the home, school, and community. The strategies given were organized by developmental level from preschool to adulthood. Some of the common challenges that were addressed included self-regulation, organization, learning, friendships, siblings, sensory issues, homework, hobbies, discipline, family life, healthcare, going to school, dating, marriage, parenting, and going to work.

The conference session was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



More TESOL News:

As we enter into the warmest months of the year, take a moment to cast your mind back to December and the Christmas season, when Christians around the world reflect on the blessings in their lives and prepare for the birth of Jesus. This past Christmas, in one small corner of Harrisburg, students of the Heart of Harrisburg's (HOH) evening, English as a Second Language (ESL) program had one more thing to celebrate—they had completed the program through their dedication and steadfast participation. On Sunday, December 6, 2015, as part of that Christian and Missionary Alliance church's regular worship, the program's students were recognized and presented with certificates of completion. With family, friends, and the congregation offering applause, it was a proud moment for these faithful learners. The ceremony was followed by fellowship and a delicious meal provided by the church. It was a wonderful opportunity to socialize with students on a more personal level as well as for the congregation to learn about the program.

The Heart of Harrisburg ESL program was established by Dr. Jan Dormer and graduate student Lilian Schultz, in collaboration with HOH Pastor Ricardo Volcy. In just a matter of months, the program grew through the summer and fall from a few students to approximately 20 at its peak. Attracting not only those eager to learn English, but also those seeking to teach, HOH offers an ideal location for Messiah students interested in TESOL to gain hands-on experience. Last fall, 16 undergraduate students served in various ways, from teaching classes and planning activities, to providing help for small group work and even childcare during class.

Thanks to Pastor Ricardo's unwavering support, Lilian's excellent leadership, and the enthusiastic commitment of instructors from Messiah, Robby Lyon and Rachel Rébert, the program continues to gain momentum in the community. A second evening class was added along with a Homework Buddies program, where children can get assistance with their schoolwork while their parents learn English.

The Heart of Harrisburg church is located at 1501 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103. For more information on class days and times please contact Lilian Schultz at lschultz@messiah.edu.



Congratulations to our most recent graduates!

December 2015

Master's Degree

Courtney Book	M. Ed. Special Education Track with teacher certification
Meghan Grove	M. Ed. TESOL with PDE Cert. ESL Program Specialist
Sierra McDonald	M.Ed. Special Education Track with teacher certification
Sarah Mueller	M. Ed. TESOL with PDE Cert. ESL Program Specialist
Emily Showalter	M. Ed. TESOL

Post-Baccalaureate Certifications

Nicholas Wilson	Special Education PDE Certification PreK-8
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Messiah College Certificates of Graduate Study

Meghan Grove	TESOL
Sarah Mueller	TESOL
Emily Showalter	TESOL

May 2016

Master's Degree

Stephanie Johnson	M. Ed. Special Education
Sophie McClain	M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction Track
Lilian Schultz	M.Ed. TESOL

Post-Baccalaureate Certifications

Bonnie Heisler	Special Education PDE Certification PreK-8
Sarah Howell	Special Education PDE Certification PreK-8

Messiah College Certificates of Graduate Study

Michelle Armistead	TESOL
Michael Smith	ASD Endorsement
Lori Lewis	ASD Endorsement

Expected to complete their programs in August 2016:

Master's Degree

Shannon Barthelmess	M.Ed. Special Education
Denean Bressi	M.Ed. Special Education PDE Cert. PreK-8
Michael Church	M.Ed. TESOL
Sara Coleman	M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction
Patricia Colon	M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction
Tyler Herman	M.Ed. Special Education PDE Cert. 7-12
Lyndi Janny	M.Ed. Special Education
Tina Patete	M.Ed. TESOL

Post-Baccalaureate Certifications

Kyle Lehman	Special Education PDE Certification 7-12
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Messiah College Certificates of Graduate Study

Mary Davenport	TESOL
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The 2017 graduate commencement event will take place on May 19 at the High Center

Upcoming Conferences

CELT International 2016 (Christian English Language Educators Association)

Friday and Saturday, 24-25 June, 2016

Yonsei University, Seoul , Korea

Plenary Speakers: Chuck Sandy, Jan Dormer, and John Laing

ISTE Conference and Expo June

26-29, 2016

Denver, CO

<https://conference.iste.org/2016/>

Teacher's Institute Leading Change

July 7-8, 2016

Renaissance Glendale Hotel and Spa Glendale, Arizona

<http://www.azed.gov/teachers-institute/>

Autism Society National Conference

July 14-16, 2016

New Orleans, LA

<http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/conference/>

National Autism Conference 2016

August 1-4, 2016

The Penn Stater Conference Center

State College, PA.

Autism.outreach.psu.edu

World Congress on Special Needs Education

August 16-19, 2016

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA <http://>

wcsne.org/

CASE NASDSE Conference

September 25-27, 2016

Milwaukee Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, WI

<https://www.eevents.org/conferences/26/case-nasdse-conference>

MIDTESOL Conference

September 30-October 1, 2016

Kansas City Marriott, Downtown Kansas City, MO

<http://midtesol.org/midtesol-conference-2016/>

Special Education Conference 2016

October 24-25, 2016

Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI

<https://www.eevents.org/conferences/27/special-education-conference-2016>

2016 ACSD Conference on Educational Leadership

November 4-6 2016

National Harbor, MD

<http://www.ascd.org/conferences.aspx>

Date Saver more information to come!

Pennsylvania Association Council for Exceptional Children, 57th Annual Convention

November 10 & 11, 2016

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania