



PRÉCIS

By Dr. R.J. De Ayala

2011 August

Department of Educational Psychology



Welcome Back!

It is hard to believe that twelve months have passed since the last Précis. It seems to have past in the blink of an eye. Despite the recent announcement from Chinese physicists that time travel isn't possible, my temporal illusion leads me to still hold out hope that with a TARDIS I can create instant time.

As has been true for the last couple of academic years, the 2010-11 academic year did not look good in terms of our budget. Fortunately, we managed to get through it pretty much unblemished. This was due to a combination of factors, such as, the College absorbing a large portion of the hit, the voluntary separation incentive program (VSIP), and a state revenue forecast that didn't turn out as bad as everyone thought it would be. However, we are entering the second year of the budget cycle and I believe in preparing for potential resource "reallocation." To this end, I am not filling the vacant staff position. When I read that Louisiana has terminated two tenured faculty and the budget problems in California we are certainly (comparatively) well-off. *There is no place like Nebraska.*

Although Charles decided to take advantage of VSIP he will still be teaching for us and coordinating the hybrid face-to-face/online certificate program in Mixed Methods Research. We are also very fortunate to have Kathy Rudasill joining our faculty. The College has approved our continuing the failed QQPM search from last year. Moreover, we received approval to replace Charles. Yes, that's correct - we are going to be searching for two positions. Assuming we are successful with these searches I am optimistic that we will be able to search for another Co Psyc faculty member in (hopefully) the following year. As you know, the University was given 2.5% for raises. Of this amount the department received 2% for merit based raises.

The following is a *non-exhaustive* collection of some of the things that occurred this past year.

Transitions

Cosas

International

Speakers

Notables

Editorships &
Editorial Boards

Graduations

Transitions

This past year was a time of change with new faces coming on board, some passing on, some changing roles, and others retiring.



- Beth has taken on new responsibilities as Associate Dean in CEHS.

- Dr. Scott Napolitano has been hired to teach in the School Psychology program and to handle some clinic responsibilities.



- Dr. Elaine Rodeck was hired as an Associate Director (BIACO) in the Buros Center for Testing.



- Casey Tallent was hired as a Postdoctoral Fellow. She'll be teaching in the Counseling Psychology program and handling some clinic responsibilities .



- Dr. Kathy Rudasill joined the Department's faculty.



- Charles became an emeritus professor and will be offering distance classes for us all well as coordinating the Mixed Method Certificate program.

- Zach Roth has been hired as a second student worker in the department office.



- Dr. Janet Carlson was hired as an Associate Director (BIMM) in the Buros Center for Testing. She replaces Dr. Rob Spies.

- John Bath passed at age 100. John's Ph.D. was from the Department. He funded an endowment for our graduate students that is used to provide a scholarship in his name.



- As you may know, Roger holds the Hodder Professorship. In July Suzanne Hodder passed at age 79.



- Ellen was appointed Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.



- Dr. Jessica Jonson (BALI) was hired as a Research Associate Professor in the Buros Center for Testing.



- Allison and her grandson, "Munch."



- Patti and her grandson, Brooks.



- Jennifer Schlueter has been hired as Assistant Editor (BIMM) in Buros Center for Testing.

- We have finally replaced our antiquated Clinic recording equipment (i.e., VCRs) with digital video recording.

- The School Psychology program continues addressing the changing landscape of **APA re-accreditation**. The Counseling Psychology program will begin its re-accreditation next year.



- Mike will be the Department's representative on the College Promotion and Tenure Committee.

- Sue Sheridan is taking a well-deserved sabbatical this year.



- Meghan and her research team received an award from Lincoln's Voices of Hope for the work they do there.



- Neeta's paper on multicultural career counseling was selected as the 2010 CDQ Outstanding article.



- Ed finished his term editor of the Journal of School Psychology.

- The **Nebraska Prevention Center on Alcohol and Drug Abuse** hosted a statewide conference on social norms. This is part of their work for the Nebraska Collegiate Consortium to Reduce High-Risk Drinking and is funded by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, NE Dept. of Roads. The conference was streamed live across the state by NETV.



- John will be working half-time this academic year so that he can provide his expertise to the Social Security Administration.



- Ken's SOAR teaching program has been implemented in Lincoln High.



- Sue and colleagues held the conference **Bullying @ School and Online** in June. She will participate in the **Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention Summit** in Washington, D.C. Sue also appeared on CBS' Sunday Morning show and in the **White House Conference on Bullying Prevention**.



- Allison explores an alternative vocation.
(pants designed by John Shurtliff)

- **Committee Memberships**

Graduate Committee

Jim
Meghan
Ken
Ed

CEHS Undergraduate Committee

Eric

CEHS Awards Committee

Meghan

CEHS Technology Committee

Doug

CEHS P&T
Mike

CEHS FAC
Sue Swearer

- Our *Spires of Excellence* (a.k.a., obelisks or campaniles of excellence). These spires are the ones in which we have or would like to have a national reputation:

CLD:

Innovation in Education (this includes the facets of international focus, involvement in collaborative projects and research, inventing and testing new educational technologies)

Co Psyc:

*Multiculturally competent training and research
Counseling psychology in couple and family counseling
Prevention interventions within the field of counseling psychology*

QQPM:

Latent variable analysis

*Mixed methods
Applied measurement*

School Psyc:

*Improving & strengthening children, families, & schools
Prevention & intervention for academic, social, & behavioral competence*

International



- Dave gave an invited lecture on epistemic cognition and development at an advanced course on thinking, rationality, and development offered by the Archives Jean Piaget in Geneva, Switzerland.



- Ian assisted the Thailand International Center for Alcohol Policies (ICAP) draft a proposal to the Population and Community Development Association for a study of noncommercial alcohol. He also gave a lecture on alcohol at the Tongji School of Public Health in China.



- Michelle Maas traveled to Beijing, China to assist in meetings and to visit several UNL short-term scholars.



- Kurt gave a keynote lecture at the Fifth Brazilian Congress on Psychological Assessment and participated in a symposium at the European Congress of Psychology in Istanbul, Turkey. The symposium was on issues involved in developing an international approach to test reviews.



- Vicki Plano Clark gave a keynote address at the 7th Mixed Methods International Conference at the University of Leeds.



Speakers

As part of an ongoing attempt to imbue our collective thinking with new and stimulating ideas we hosted a number of speakers. Among those brought in were:



Mr. Reza Badiie spoke about his life and activism in Iran. He discussed the years of torture he experienced and the meanings he gleaned from it. He also discussed Iran's and the Middle East's past, present, and future, and talked about what needs to be done.

The Buros Center for Testing and Educational Testing Service continued their annual **Buros/ETS lecture series** with a talk by Dr. Cara Laitusis, Senior Research Director at ETS. Cara spoke on *Issues with Accessibility of Computer-Based Tests for Students with Disabilities*.

The Department helped to support several university events. These include

The 8th Annual LGBTQA History Month Banquet.

The 2011 MLK "Freedom Breakfast"

A workshop on Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics. The training was provided by Dr. Michael Himle and arranged by the Tourette Syndrome Association.

Dr. Robert Brooks (along with Bryan LGH) a talk on Fostering Family Closeness & Respect

A presentation by **Dr. Lise Eliot** as part of the Women's and Gender Studies colloquium on Gender and Science Matters.



Dr. Cheryl-Anne Poth (University of Alberta) talked about the *The Unique Contribution of the Mixed Methods Researcher*.



Dr. Li-fang Zhang (University of Hong Kong) spoke on the nature of intellectual styles and the challenges they present.



Dr. Seung-Ming Alvin Leung (Chinese University of Hong Kong) gave a talk on *The Career Development of Chinese University Students: Empirical findings on the Effects of Parental Expectations, Filial Piety, and Cultural-Values Conflict*.

Notables



- Jim was promoted to associate professor with tenure.



- Doug became Associate Editor of *Frontiers in Educational Psychology*



- Eric joined the editorial board of the *Journal of Educational Psychology*

- Sue Swearer was promoted to professor.



- Sue Sheridan finished her term as President of the Society for the Study of School Psychology



- Debbi Bandalos received a pony at her first departmental meeting at JMU.

Chelsi Klentz Davis (Counseling Psychology) received the Voices of Hope Elizabeth Kurtz Volunteer Award

Manijeh Badiiee (Counseling Psychology) received the Hammed Shahidian Critical Feminist Award – Iranian Women’s Studies Foundation conference in Paris, France

Amanda Bleck (School Psychology) received the CEHS Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award.

Belinda Hinojos and Sherry Wang (Counseling Psychology) have the APA Minority Fellowship.

Natalie Koziol (QQPM) received Graduate Studies’ 2011 Folsom Distinguished Master’s Award

Carina McCormik was selected for a College Board Fellowship

Sara Kupzyk (School Psychology) received the Outstanding Student in School Psychology, Nebraska School Psychology Association Award

Melissa Andersen (School Psychology) received the CEHS Graduate Student Research Award

Cixin Wang (School Psychology) received the Irwin Hyman and Nadine Lambert Memorial Scholarship, American Academy of School Psychology

Congratulations!

Editorships & Editorial Boards

- Roger, Editorial Board, *Contemporary Educational Psychology*
- Eric, Editorial Board, *Journal of Educational Psychology*
- John, Editorial Board, *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*
- Ed, Editorial Board, *Journal of Behavioral Education*
- Meghan, Editorial Board, *Journal of Counseling Psychology*
- Ralph, Editorial Board, *Applied Measurement in Education, Educational and Psychological Measurement, Journal of Educational Measurement*
- Beth, Editorial Board, *Journal of School Psychology, Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*
- Kurt, Editor, *Applied Measurement in Education*; Editorial Board, *Educational Research Quarterly, Psychological Assessment, International Journal of Testing*
- Doug, Associate Editor, *Frontiers of Educational Psychology*; Editorial Board, *Contemporary Educational Psychology, Hacettepe University Journal of Education*
- Ken, Editorial Board, *Journal of Experimental Education*
- Merilee, Editorial Board, *School Psychology Quarterly, Journal of School Psychology, School Psychology Review, Journal of Behavioral Education*
- Dave, Book Review Editor, *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*
- Ian, Editorial Board, *American Journal of Health Behavior*
- Vicki, Associate Editor, *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*
- Mike, Editorial Board, *The Counseling Psychologist, Journal of Counseling Psychology, Psychotherapy Research*
- Sue Sh., Editorial Board, *Journal of School Psychology, School Psychology Review, Encyclopedia of School Psychology*
- Sue Sw., Editorial Board, *Journal of School Psychology, Journal of School Violence, School Psychology Review, Journal of Anxiety Disorders*

Graduations

Master's/EdS

Lindsay Allsman
Brian Benson
Cassie Connealy
Kathryn Gillis
Suyenti Gunawan
Lisa Halvorsen
Amber Harlan
Natalie Koziol
Tony Lazarowicz
Paige Lembeck
Laura Mullaney
Holly Ramaeker
Kelly Rasmussen
Marsha Reimers-Bacon
Stephanie Shuman
Kristina Walling
Nicholas Ziegler

Doctoral

Daniel Abbott
Autumn Backhaus
Kyle Brouwer
Amy Chatelain
Andrew Dwyer
Brett Foley
Andy Garbacz
Jami Givens
Jaime Gonzalez
Felicia Johnson
Rachael Robinson-Keilig
Kevin Kupzyk
Amanda Schnee
Sarah Thompson
Sharon Zumbrunn