Greetings!

It is hard to believe that we are one month past our orientation, writing workshop and dissertation workshop. The week was a tremendous success. Students enjoyed interacting in person with their peers. Several students that attended the weekend workshops stayed through Monday and helped us welcome our new students and participated in a panel.

At the new student orientation we were taking orders for the Ed.D. Program in Leadership t-shirts. Unfortunately, the bookstore has informed us that they were unable to order the t-shirts due to a quantity requirement. Those students who purchased a t-shirt will be hearing from the Creighton Book Store soon for a refund. We are looking into designing a polo shirt. We will keep you posted.

We have many defenses and proposals coming up this fall. On pages 17-19 we have all of the scheduled defenses and their titles. Please feel free to attend the defenses. They will be held in the Ed.D. Program in Leadership Office.

We are adding ILD 800 (1) Scholarly Writing Course to Fall term 2. If anyone feels the need to improve on their writing or if it has been suggested by an instructor, please let the Ed.D. Office know if you wish to register.

Best wishes,
Isabelle Cherney, Ph.D.
Please welcome our new dissertation consultant and assistant professor, Dr. Gretchen Oltman. Dr. Oltman has a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a Master's in Education from the University of Louisville, a J.D. From the University of Nebraska College of Law, and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Part of her job will be to help students with their dissertation writing and serve as an advisor.

Dr. Rob Koonce learned that the Sloan Consortium decided to feature him as their June Sloan-C Certificate program graduate. You can read the article here: http://blog.sloanconsortium.org/2013/05/31/featured-certificate-program-graduate-for-june-2013-rob-koonce/

Dr. Donna Ehrlich presented at the Colleague to Colleague Summer institute on Distance Learning and Instructional Technology (SIDLIT) at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas on August 1-2.

Dr. Barbara Brock joined the Ed.D. Program in Leadership as a full-time faculty member on August 1st. As many of you know, Dr. Brock was already very involved in our program, teaching courses such as ILD 801 (Leadership styles and Reflection), ILD 827 (Leadership in School Improvement), ILD 830 (internship for Superintendents) or ILD 833 (Writing for Publication), advising those who plan to complete the Superintendent track, and being a chair or member of several dissertation committees.

Dr. Kimberley Grassmeyer had been working as a Higher Education Consultant with Ellucian (a Software and Services company), but shifted back to her 'professional home' in university student affairs administration beginning in August. Her new role is the Associate Director of Residence Life, where she is responsible for the professional and graduate staff in all of the Residence Halls and Apartment Communities at Creighton University. She LOVES her work and loves that this new role brings her in closer proximity to the EdD program, faculty and students.

Dr. Isabelle Cherney was interviewed by the most prestigious magazine in Israel, Ha'aretz, about her research on toys and gender.
Dr. Barbara Brock and Dr. Peggy Hawkins will present "Dispelling Fears and Facilitating Success of New Online Ed.D. Students" at the upcoming 27th Annual Women in Education Conference to be held October 13-14, 2013 in Lincoln, NE. The data are the results of the survey taken by our 801 students.

Dr. Gretchen Oltman has been selected to attend the Nebraska State Bar Association Leadership Academy. It is an academy offered annually to 25 attorneys throughout the state to focus on leadership issues, build relationships with other attorneys, and foster diversity in the legal community. She was the only 'academic-type' selected to attend.

Dr. Julia Cronin-Gilmore received the Excellence in Online Teaching Award from Bellevue University.
Student Showcase

**Deb Torres** (Cohort 6) has earned candidacy.

**Melinda Rustad** (Cohort 4) earned candidacy and also successfully proposed her dissertation.

**Fr. Sunny Augustine** (Cohort 4) successfully proposed his dissertation.
Student Showcase

Matt Tucker (Cohort 4) earned candidacy and successfully proposed his dissertation.

Kimberly Dunwoody (Cohort 3) successfully proposed her dissertation.

Mary Chase (Cohort 5) earned candidacy. She was also awarded the competitive Presidential Ed.D. Scholarship, which is an annual scholarship given to a Creighton employee.
Student Showcase

Tara Colby (Cohort 3) earned candidacy and successfully proposed her dissertation to her committee.

Karen Cook (Cohort 4) successfully proposed her dissertation to her committee.

Andrew Dungan (Cohort 1) earned candidacy.
Student Showcase

Matt Ceppi (Cohort 3) successfully proposed his dissertation.

Anthony Aceste (Cohort 6) earned candidacy.

Don Ridder (Cohort 6) successfully proposed his dissertation.
Student Showcase

Brian Wisneski (Cohort 2) earned candidacy.

Renee Krusemark (Cohort 2) earned candidacy.

Dan Powell (Cohort 7) earned candidacy.
Eric Heckerson (Cohort 11) earned candidacy. Additionally, he will present "A Case Study on Creating a Virtual Leadership Academy" at the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) 2014 TechKnowledge Conference & Exposition to be held in Las Vegas.

Lori Gigliotti (Cohort 9) spoke in Houston, TX (Aug. 8th), and will be speaking in Memphis, TN (Sept. 11th), and San Antonio, TX (Sept. 25th) at EFM IT Symposium Conferences. The interactive sessions with IT and other managers is titled, “Generation Y on Your Team: Leading and Meeting the Expectations of the Under 30 Workforce”. Lori has a great interest in the topic of the ever-growing range of generations in the workforce and plans to do her dissertation on this topic.

Seth Fager (Cohort 2) found a new job thanks to his practicum. He could apply the presentation he had done during the practicum to his interview. He was promoted to an Employment Services Manager position with the Nebraska Department of Labor. He is now overseeing a virtual services career center that helps to connect job seekers and employers around the state.
Bill Leggio (Cohort 3) was a reviewer for a Chapter for the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, an EMS certification course produced in cooperation with the American College of Surgeons and National Association of EMTs. He also published: Is the bar for entry into the profession of EMS too low? A reflection from the inside and outside. (Spring-Summer, 2013) in *Domain3*, pp 18-25.

Tim Florer (Cohort 1) was selected to be on the board of directors for NHS- Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, a non-profit urban development organization.

Lisa Spencer (Cohort 2) was selected as the PR/Media Specialist for the advisory board of First Book Omaha. The organization's mission is to get new books to students who live in poverty. She is always looking for volunteers, recipients, and donations. To apply to be a recipient for your organization or school, your grouping of students must be 70% poverty or your school must be a Title 1 school. You can email her if you would like to apply, be a volunteer or donate!
W. A. "Rope" Burns (Cohort 13), a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, was recently selected for promotion to the rank of Captain (O6). He currently serves as Commanding Officer of DLA-Distribution Operations Team Atlanta, assigned to Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, GA.

Ashley Digmann (Cohort 5) accepted a full-time position at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Patrick Slattery (Cohort 17) was named Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Omaha schools. He was also awarded the competitive Ignatian Ed.D. Scholarship (for K-12 Catholic educators).
Mahina Gago (Cohort 5) has been promoted to high school administrator/high school assistant principal at Quest Preparatory High School in Las Vegas.

David House (Cohort 6) is editor of "The International Association of Truancy and Dropout Prevention Journal." The journal has a call for papers for the May 2014 edition. If interested, please send submissions to him at david.iatdp@gmail.com on or before October 15, 2013.

Linda Reddish (Cohort 6) became a mother to Mark Edward Reddish on August 6th.
Sarahjini Nunn (Cohort 10) has been appointed to the Springfield (IL) Commission on International Visitors. The City Council unanimously approved the recommendation on 6/18/13. The SCIV administers the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program in Springfield, Illinois and brings foreign leaders to Springfield to meet directly with their American counterparts. The 20 member board of local community members are appointed by the Mayor and responsible for advising the City of Springfield's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Louis Cruz (Cohort 12) has been promoted to Associate Vice President of the Southern Region for National University. The announcement included a very nice write-up of Louis' accomplishments: Louis served as the ARD for the National University Online Admissions group which included Online Admissions, Military Online, and the Financial Aid Helpdesk. Prior to NU he was a Campus Director for WestMed College in Southbay. He also served in several consulting roles specializing in education with an emphasis in enrollment, recruitment and student retention.

Laura Gill (Cohort 9) became a mother to Addison Kay on June 19th.
Kevin Kijewski, Esq. (Cohort 11) accepted an appointment to be the Associate Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He is very excited for the opportunity to strengthen Catholic education in one of the largest Catholic school systems in the country. The Superintendent and Archbishop of Philadelphia looked favorably at his Creighton experience and Kevin credits the Ed.D. Program for giving him the courage to change positions.

Leah Yoder (Cohort 14) accepted a new position as the Director of Staff Development II, at Erickson Living (the largest continuing care community company for the elderly in the US) starting September 30th. After her interview, they restructured and made this higher level position for her to drive the strategic planning, development, and implementation of all staff education supporting the Erickson Living values, expectations, and brand standards. Leah credits her coursework at Creighton in helping her making this decision. The ethics audit had shone the light brightly on the culture of her previous organization and solidified her decision.

The Scholars' Press Publishing would like to publish Dr. Susan Toohey's (alumna from Cohort 1) dissertation entitled "What makes a woman more resilient: Leadership, Work, Independence, and Participation."
Student Showcase

Amy Novak (Cohort 6) will be inaugurated as the 20th President of Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD on September 27.

Charles Thomas (Cohort 2) has been selected as the featured speaker for Leadership Fairfax’s Emerging Leaders Institute opening reception and dinner. He has also been asked to participate in an Autism charity fashion show as one of the male models. Additionally, he was recently selected as a Membership Committee member of The Future Fund – a philanthropic giving circle of more than 100 young professionals in Northern Virginia. Finally, he had the opportunity to host a radio show over the summer.

Dr. Laura Hickman (alumna from Cohort 1) is being recognized by the Omaha Archdiocese as one of the top 8 Catholic Educators because of her strong focus on service.
Fall Defense Dates

Bill Leggio (Cohort 3) will defend his dissertation on Friday, October 11, 2013.

“How leadership is internationally learned in Emergency Medical Services: A qualitative study”

Matt (Peter) Kramer (Cohort 3) will defend his dissertation on Thursday, October 24, 2013.

“Leadership Transition Barriers in Small Nonprofits - An Analysis of Board Engagement”

Elisabeth Nichols (Cohort 1) will defend her dissertation on Friday, October 25, 2013.

“A Case Study: Exploring Cultural Competency in Faculty in an Institution of Higher Education”

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Kristin Trahan Winford (Cohort 3) will defend her dissertation on Friday, November 15, 2013.


Matt Tucker (Cohort 4) will defend his dissertation on Friday, November 15, 2013.

“Comparison of perceptions of safety before and after implementation of contained classroom in a residential secondary school”

Nicole Decapua (Cohort 2) will defend her dissertation on Friday, November 15, 2013.

“Comparison of remediation and nonremediation freshman math and English scores by gender”
Karen Cook (Cohort 3), will be defending her dissertation on Friday, November 15th, 2013.

“Self-Perceived Traits of Servant Leadership in Long term and AmeriCorps Volunteers: A Mixed Method Study”

Matt Ceppi (Cohort 3) plans to defend his dissertation in November.

“Identifying Core Elements of Institutional Success in Public 4-year Universities in the New Economic Reality”

Kimberly Dunwoody (Cohort 3) will defend her dissertation on Thursday, November 14th, 2013.

"Middle-Management emotional perceptions of customer-centricity and its impact on individual viability as a customer-centric change agent"
Orientation-Meet the New Cohorts

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Orientation
On-Campus Writing Workshop
Commencement, Application and Hooding Dates

Dec. 2013 graduation date is December 14, 2013
- Graduate Hooding ceremony for December is December 12, 2013
- If you are participating in the May 2014 Commencement (Creighton only has one commencement a year), or if you are not walking, the application deadline for the December graduation is October 15, 2013.
- Application for the May 17, 2014 Commencement and May graduation is February 15, 2014.
- Graduate Hooding ceremony for May will be May 16, 2014.
- August graduation is August 23, 2014.
  - If you are walking in the May 2014 Commencement, but you are an August graduate, the application deadline is March 15, 2014.
  - If you are not walking at the May 2014 commencement, the application deadline is June 15, 2014.
- December 2014 graduation date is December 20, 2014.
  - If you are participating in the May 2014 commencement, the application deadline is March 15, 2014.
  - If you are participating in the May 2015 commencement or not, the application deadline is October 15, 2014.
We want to share with you one of the policies of the Ed.D. program/Graduate School that affects you particularly toward the end of the program, when you are working on your dissertation.

Your Plan of Study is set up as a 3 year degree. Some of you may run into a situation where, toward the end of the program, you have not quite completed your dissertation but have "run out of credit hours." The Graduate School policy is that you have to be registered at all times once you have earned candidacy until you have successfully defended your dissertation.

We have a "place holder" code (IDC 999) that we can use for one term only after all other credits have been exhausted to keep a student enrolled. If a student is not ready to defend after the use of the IDC 999 code, the student will be required to purchase additional credits of ILD 899, in one credit increments, for each term until they successfully defend their dissertation.

As always, contact your advisor to make sure that your plan of studies works for you.
Course Information Updates

Changes in Course Titles:

ILD 899-1 is now ILD 899-A
ILD 899-2 is now ILD 899-B
ILD 899-3 is now ILD 899-C

New Courses:

ILD 836: Leadership, Public Relations, and Stakeholder Engagement

This elective course will examine leadership, public relations, and stakeholder engagement from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students will explore the notion of transparent communication, and the impact this communication has on creating an open and ethical organization. Students will identify the opportunities and challenges of stakeholder engagement with internal, external and global audiences, through the news media, social media, crisis communication, and corporate social responsibility. Readings will come from books, scholarly articles, and current events to offer students practical as well as theoretical perspectives of public relations and stakeholder engagement. Students will reflect on their own experiences concerning leadership and stakeholder engagement in their own work environments.

ILD 853: Scholarship Project Methodologies

This is a course that is required if a student selects the Scholarly Leadership Project in place of the Research Dissertation. The methods reviewed in this course provide students with a foundation for developing the project approach in the Interdisciplinary Ed.D. Program in Leadership.
February On-Campus Residencies

We are offering two on-campus residencies in February 2014:

**ILD 899-A** (1 credit), formerly ILD 899-1, will be held the weekend of February 8-9. This course covers the first steps of the dissertation process.

**ILD 899 Dissertation Writing Workshop** (1-2 credits) will be held February 6-9th. This 1-2 credit course (from 899 hours) is meant for students who are near their proposal or have proposed their dissertation. Students will work on their dissertation without distractions during those days. They will be able to check their APA style and motivate each other. Students will do mock-presentations and receive constructive feedback from peers and faculty.

If you are interested in any of these residencies, please let your advisor and Tara know. We will start to send out materials for those on-campus courses in the next several weeks.

Click here for Omaha tourism information, Creighton Campus Map and a list of local hotels.
Spring Term 1 2014 Schedule of Courses

Spring Term 1: January 6 – February 28

ILD 800  Scholarly Writing Seminar
ILD 801  Leadership Styles and Reflective Practice
ILD 803  Strategic Planning and Management
ILD 807  Financial and Legal Leadership Issues
ILD 808  Seminar 1: Program Orientation
ILD 810  Seminar 3: Dissertation Defense
ILD 811  Interdisciplinary Practicum
ILD 812  Research Design & Professional Inquiry
ILD 820  Jesuit and Ignatian Traditions
ILD 821  Quality and Accountability Issues
ILD 823  Leadership in a Global Society
ILD 825  Women and Leadership
ILD 830  Superintendent Practicum
ILD 850  Quantitative Research
ILD 851  Qualitative Research
ILD 852  Mixed Methods Research
ILD 853  Scholarship Project Methodologies
ILD 895  Independent Study
ILD 899-A  Dissertation (on campus or online)
ILD 899-B  Dissertation
ILD 899  Dissertation

Cohorts 1-12: The deadline to turn in registration forms for all Spring Courses to Tara is November 15th! Check your CU email account for details.

Cohorts 13&14: Check your CU Mail for detailed information on your coming registration transition.

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Spring Term 2 2014 Schedule of Courses

Spring Term 2: March 3 – April 25

ILD 802  Applied Ethics
ILD 804  Organizational Theory and Behavior
ILD 809  Seminar 2: Midterm Reflection and Proposal
ILD 810  Seminar 3: Dissertation Defense
ILD 811  Practicum
ILD 812  Research Design & Professional Inquiry
ILD 822  Human Resources Leadership
ILD 831  Technology and Leadership
ILD 832  Program Planning for Adult Learners
ILD 836  Leadership PR and Stakeholder Engagement
ILD 850  Quantitative Research
ILD 851  Qualitative Research
ILD 852  Mixed Methods Research
ILD 853  Scholarship Project Methodologies
ILD 895  Independent Study
ILD 899-A  Dissertation (online only)
ILD 899-B  Dissertation
ILD 899-C  Dissertation
ILD 899  Dissertation

Cohorts 1-12: The deadline to turn in registration forms for all Spring Courses to Tara is November 15th! Check your CU email account for details.

Cohorts 13&14: Check your CU Mail for detailed information on your coming registration transition.
August-December 2013
Fall Term 1: August 26 – October 18
Fall Term 2: October 21 – December 13**Registration forms for Winter Term are due to Tara November 15th
*Holiday Break—December 14—January 5, 2014

January – December 2014
Spring Term 1: January 6 – February 28
Spring Term 2: March 3 – April 25
Summer Term 1: April 28 – June 20
Summer Term 2: June 23 – August 15
*Break: August 18 – August 24
Fall Term 1: August 25 – October 17
Fall Term 2: October 20 – December 12

** for students who have completed 3 semesters
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