Message from the Director

I would like to congratulate all of our graduates. It was wonderful to see everyone with their families at the hooding and commencement ceremonies last weekend. Watch for our special edition in June highlighting each of our graduates.

Please remember to apply for candidacy when you have reached 40 hours and have completed the core courses. Candidacy is a very important piece that will need to be completed before being able to propose your dissertation topic. The Candidacy Manual can be found on BlueLine in the Ed.D. Student Resource Center.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.
Dr. Cherney recently had her NPR debut, where she spoke about her research. The link can be accessed here: [http://will.illinois.edu/focus/program/the-effects-of-gender-typed-toys](http://will.illinois.edu/focus/program/the-effects-of-gender-typed-toys).

Dr. Leah Georges successfully defended her PhD dissertation on April 21, 2014.

Dr. Julia Cronin-Gilmore’s (Adjunct professor) article “Brand awareness: A community perception of a non-profit organisation” was accepted in the Journal of Brand Strategy.

Chris Karasek (far right) was recently recognized for 10 years of service. She is pictured with Fr. Lannon and other members of the Graduate School. Chris is also now the chair of the Staff Advisory Council.

Dr. Jim Martin presented two papers at the Midwestern Political Science Association conference in Chicago: “Electoral Volatility and its’ Effect on Post-Election Government Formation Delays” and “Can we work Together: The Influence of Social Networks on the use of the Veto in Semi-Presidential Systems.” He also chaired a panel titled “New Directions in Comparative Politics.”

Dr. Peggy Hawkins served as a consultant to Wuhan University Hope School of Nursing in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China during April. The Hope School of Nursing is supported by Project Hope and USAID from the American People. She presented several lectures to the nursing faculty on international accreditation standards, curriculum development, and American licensure. In addition, she assisted in teaching graduate nursing students research methods. While there she met with the director of the law school, Dr. Wang Shenyi (pictured), on behalf of Creighton University’s law school.


Dr. Tanya Winegard accepted the position of vice provost for Student Life at Creighton (she teaches ILD 805 and ILD 825).

Dr. Cindy Constanzo will serve as interim Dean of the College of Nursing at Creighton. She has taught ILD 825.
Lisa Spencer (Cohort 2) successfully defended her dissertation, "Transforming School: From Traditional to Personalized," on February 6, 2014.


Dissertation Defenses


Erin Carmody (Cohort 2) successfully defended her dissertation, "From Me to We: An Online Doctoral Assessment of Interdisciplinary Education and Learning Impact" on March 20, 2014.

Melinda DeVilliers (Rustad) (Cohort 4) successfully defended her dissertation, “A mixed methods investigation of faculty teaching preparedness at a for-profit institution,” on March 21, 2014. She also married Chad DeVilliers on Valentine's Day. The new couple moved to Salt Lake City, UT.


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**Renee Krusemark**'s (Cohort 2) successfully defended her dissertation "The Role of Critical Thinking in Reader Perceptions of Leadership in Comic Books" on April 7, 2014.

She has also received news that her research "The Role of Critical Thinking in Reader Perceptions of Leadership in *The Walking Dead*" has been accepted for presentation at the Comics Arts Conference at the ComicCon International WonderCon Convention April 18-20 in Anaheim, CA.

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**Fr. Tom Neitzke**’s (Cohort 1) successful defense of his dissertation, “Jesuit Collaborative Fundraising: Religious and Secular Non-Profits Working Together,” was held April 8, 2014.

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**Mary Chase** (Cohort 5) successfully defended her dissertation, “Priorities and Student Satisfaction as a Function of Student Persistence for Adult Online Learners,” on April 16, 2014.
Dissertation Defenses

**Debora Sepich** (Cohort 7) successfully defended her dissertation "Resiliency Through Connectedness: Connections Female Entrepreneurs Develop to Reduce Stress" on April 28, 2014.


**Fr. Sunny Augustine’s** (Cohort 4) defense of his dissertation, “Shaping Behaviors: Effective Behavior Management Strategies of Teachers in Middle Schools with Diverse Student Populations in Nagaland,” will be held on June 10 at 11:00 a.m.
**Student Showcase**

Alexandra Fernandez (Cohort 6) earned candidacy.

Jen Porter (Cohort 10) earned candidacy and successfully proposed her dissertation. She also received a research stipend ($2500) from her employer (University of South Dakota) for the summer to help offset her dissertation data collection expenses.

Susan Coon (Cohort 5) earned candidacy and successfully proposed her dissertation.
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Student Showcase

Jeff Toliver (Cohort 6) successfully proposed his dissertation.

Jonathan Overrocker (Cohort 9) earned candidacy.

Alhem Zerihun (Cohort 2) successfully proposed his dissertation.

Student Showcase

Amy Novak (Cohort 6) successfully proposed her dissertation.

Alexandra Herron (Cohort 9) earned candidacy.

Brian Wisneski (Cohort 2) successfully proposed his dissertation.
April Buschelman (Cohort 9) successfully proposed her dissertation. She has been asked to help the University of Nebraska-Omaha write their “Introduction Education” course this summer and adjunct for the course this fall.

Twaina Harris (Cohort 7) successfully proposed her dissertation.

Matt Besmer (Cohort 3) earned candidacy and successfully proposed his dissertation.
Student Showcase

Dean Shumate (Cohort 4) earned candidacy.

Mike Miller (Cohort 2) successfully proposed his dissertation. He is also the new Director of the EMS education program at Creighton University. Mike has 30 years of experience working in emergency medicine and joined Creighton’s EMS faculty nearly 12 years ago, serving as associate director of EMS education.

Melissa Hansen (Cohort 2) successfully proposed her dissertation. She was also chosen to build a comprehensive career education and readiness program for the Westside Community Schools in Omaha.
Lori Gigliotti (Cohort 9) successfully proposed her dissertation.

Jennifer Baublits (Cohort 8) earned candidacy. Additionally, Her submission to the 2014 International Followership Symposium (chair will be Dr. Koonce who teaches for the EdD program) at the International Leadership Association was accepted. As part of the selection, she can submit a paper that will be considered for publishing in the symposium proceedings by the Journal of Leadership Education.

Erin Lark (Cohort 12) earned candidacy.
Student Showcase

Tom Dickerson (Cohort 9) successfully proposed his dissertation.

Maria Pimienta (Cohort 8) successfully proposed her dissertation.

Abby Brown (Cohort 9) earned candidacy.

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Student Showcase

Joe Domagala (Cohort 10) earned candidacy.

Rope Burns (Cohort 14) earned candidacy. He also accepted a position at CGI Federal as its Consulting Manager for Army, Defense and Intelligence Programs, based out of Washington, D.C. and Jackson, MS.

Guy Sands-Pingot (Cohort 7) earned candidacy.
Student Showcase

Tom Abbott (Cohort 4) has earned candidacy.

Mary-Elise Haug (Cohort 17) has been asked to be an adjunct instructor at the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) through Martin University.

Brian Schaeffer (Cohort 9) will present his research "Alternative Response Programs" at the upcoming Fire-Rescue International (FRI) conference in Dallas, Texas.
Rob Zinkan (Cohort 12) is starting a new position as Associate Vice President, Marketing at Indiana University in Bloomington this Monday. His main responsibilities will be serving as the marketing lead (working with school, units, athletics, etc.) on the Bloomington campus, leading IU’s internal marketing agency (about 50 people who work in creative services in Bloomington and Indianapolis), and helping to lead IU's (first-ever) system-wide branding initiative.

Jason Slattery (Cohort 20) is the proud new father of Sebastian Luke Slattery.

Jayson Boyers (Cohort 18) recently appeared on Fox Business and Cavuto to discuss student debt as a Higher Ed Leader. He shared the link http://lnkd.in/bTbAFxh.

Fr. Jeff Loseke (Cohort 8) had the opportunity to co-celebrate Mass with Pope Francis.

Julie Fickas (Cohort 14) was promoted to Assistant Professor.

Brendan Ashby (Cohort 16) and his family welcomed new son Soeren Lowell on Valentine's Day.
Aspen (Naomi) Villanueva (Cohort 13) was appointed as Chairperson for the City and County of Broomfield's Personnel Merit Commission. The purpose of the commission, of which she received her initial appointment last year, has final jurisdiction and final authority to hear and determine appeals by an aggrieved employee who has been subject to disciplinary action of any kind within the city and county.

Daniel Hoffman-Zinzel (Cohort 10) accepted a new position with Planned Parenthood of the Heartland as Director of Outreach and Education. He will oversee programming and staff in Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Kyle Robinson (Cohort 18) was offered the position of Campus Pastor at his church and began his ministry in the middle of May.
Rebecca Murdock (Cohort 20) has accepted the position of Assistant Dean for the College of Business at Bellevue University in Bellevue, NE.

Beau Laughlin (Cohort 9) just got engaged and is set to get married in August.

Kelly Purdy Stephan (Cohort 7) welcomed Hayden John Stephan on January 27th.

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Monica Stewart (Cohort 20) gave birth to Penelope Olive on February 27th.

Joi Irby (Cohort 9) recently got engaged.

Bryan Hanson (Cohort 16) is organizing the conference for The Association for Conflict Resolution called "New Voices." He also was honored as Nebraska Mediator Outstanding Member.
Larina Warnock (Cohort 19) just received word that she is being recognized as Outstanding Part Time Faculty at Linn-Benton Community College where she teaches critical thinking and developmental reading.

Marc Shaver (Cohort 15) is organizing the Society of Flight Test Engineers 45th Annual International Symposium, which is hosted by the Wright Chapter and will be held 19-21 August 2014 in Dayton, Ohio. The theme for the symposium is "One Century, One Decade, One Year of Flight Testing - Wright Then, Right Now!" For information on the symposium please go to www.wrightsfte.org

Ronald Fussell (Cohort 13) was selected by the New Hampshire Music Educators Association as the recipient of the 2014 School Administrator of the Year. The award goes to a school administrator who is outstanding in their support for the arts and for music education in their school community.
Kito Bess (Cohort 9) welcomed his son Karson Julian Bess, born February 2nd.

Kathleen Lommen (Cohort 19) will start an adjunct teaching position at College of the Desert. She will be teaching English as a Second Language.


Jesse Federman's (Cohort 8) ILD 822 paper was accepted for publication! Federman, J. G. (2014). Society for human resource development interview. Social Science International Journal of Business & Management Research, (4)3, TBD.

Louis Cruz (Cohort 12) has been appointed new Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management at National University.

Carly Speranza (Cohort 7) was selected to join the Faculty at National Intelligence University in Washington D.C. beginning this July. She will remain on active-duty and will fulfill this full-time position in uniform for the next 2-3 years. She graduated from their Master's program in 2011 and was selected for this assignment because she is an alumni of the program and actively pursuing her doctorate. She will likely instruct in both NIU’s Bachelor's and Master's programs.

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Daniel Uszaki (Cohort 8) just had a recent article published in High School Today Magazine – NFHS (see page 32): [http://www.nfhs.org/uploadedfiles/3dissue/HSToday/2013issues/march2014/index.html](http://www.nfhs.org/uploadedfiles/3dissue/HSToday/2013issues/march2014/index.html). He was recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as a Certified Athletic Administrator. To earn this distinction, Daniel demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration.

Adam Carey (Cohort 13) and his wife welcomed their first child, Murphy James Carey, in January.

Katerina Tesoro (Cohort 17) accepted a new position as co-Academic Dean at Father Tolton Catholic High School in Columbia, MO. She will also be developing a French program at the school.

Student Showcase

Kelly Wilk (Cohort 12) earned her Lean/Six Sigma Green Belt for her organization.

Jillian Harrington (Cohort 13) and her husband ran the Boston Marathon.

Elena Bozylinski (Cohort 17) published an article in the Project Management Network magazine.
Creighton Helms (Cohort 20) and his wife welcomed the birth of their daughter Cadence Grace Helms.

Larry Doty (Cohort 17) will present at the Association for Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU) Annual Convention in Las Vegas, NV. He will be presenting concepts learned in your Organizational Theory course to student retention and engagement. He was also recently asked to present at the Minnesota Career College Association Professional Development conference in October.

Kelly and Jacob Jenkins (Cohort 10) are proud new parents to Norah Margaret Jenkins who was born April 30.
Sarah Miller (Cohort 12) shared several items: the honor society of nursing at MidAmerica Nazarene University which she established as a result of her capstone during her MSN program recently applied to become a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. In early March they found out they will become a STTI chapter at a chartering ceremony in June, which Sarah is planning for her practicum project. The new chapter name will be Chi Eta Sarah will also be presenting information about their journey towards Sigma Theta Tau status on April 9th as part of a poster presentation exhibition her university is sponsoring.

Sarah also attended the 40th Annual National Conference on Professional Nursing Education and Development: Lessons from Oz: Assuring Capabilities for Future Education and Practice, October 17-20, 2013, Kansas City, Missouri, Sponsored by the MU Sinclair School of Nursing University of Missouri and the University of Kansas School of Nursing.
Alumni Announcements

**Dr. Matt Tucker** (Alumnus) accepted a new position as an adjunct in the graduate school of education at Manhattanville College.

**Dr. Karen Cook** (Alumna Cohort 4) will be presenting her dissertation research at the International Conference for Academic Disciplines in Venice, Italy in early July.

Alumna **Dr. Beth (Nichols) Massaro** presented: Creating an Integrative Model of Training and Support for Field Instructors, at the Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, The Changing World and the Face of Social Work Education in Louisville, KY.
Alumni Announcements


Dr. Tim Florer (Alumnus) was selected to present and engage educators in his dissertation findings from across the U.S. and globally at an information session at the 11th Annual Sloan Consortium on July 8th, in Denver, CO. His proposal was also selected as a “bBest in Track,” one of four chosen from all information sessions.

Dr. Matt Ceppi (Alumnus) presented parts of his dissertation (Strategic Performance Management in Public Higher Education: Informing Decision Making, Improving Results and Demonstrating Value) at the Western Association of College and University Business Officers in Las Vegas in early May.
Fall Term 1 2014  Tentative Schedule

Fall 1(August 25-October 17)

On Campus Residencies
ILD 899  Dissertation Writing Workshop (July 24-27)
ILD 899A  Dissertation Workshop (July 26-27)
ILD 808  Orientation (August 4-7)

Online Courses
ILD 800  Scholarly Writing Seminar
ILD 801  Leadership Styles and Reflective Practice
ILD 805  Administrative Policy and Leadership
ILD 807  Financial and Legal Leadership Issues
ILD 809  Seminar 2: Midterm Reflection and Proposal
ILD 810  Seminar 3: Dissertation Defense
ILD 811  Practicum
ILD 812  Research Design & Professional Inquiry
ILD 823  Leadership in a Global Society
ILD 825  Women and Leadership
ILD 828  Policies, Politics and School Board
ILD 830  Superintendent Practicum
ILD 832  Planning Programs for Adult Learners
ILD 836  Leadership, Public Relations and Stakeholder Engagement
ILD 850  Quantitative Research
ILD 851  Qualitative Research
ILD 852  Mixed Methods Research
ILD 853  Scholarly Project Methodologies
ILD 895  Independent Study
ILD 899A  Dissertation
ILD 899-B  Dissertation
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## Fall Term 2 2014 Tentative Schedule

**Fall 2 (October 20–December 17)**

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Save the Date-Summer Residencies

Here are the final dates for Summer 2014 On Campus Residencies:

* The Dissertation Writing Workshop will be held July 24-27.
* ILD 899-A On Campus residency will be held July 26-27.
* ILD 808 On Campus Orientation will be held August 4-7.
  (Cohorts 19 and 20 are required to attend August 4-5).

For information regarding hotels and area information, click here.

Note that although these residencies will be held in July and August, they are actually Fall Term 1 courses and will be charged accordingly.
Academic Calendar

April – December 2014
Summer Term 1: April 28 – June 20
Summer Term 2: June 23 – August 15
  Dissertation Writing Workshop July 24-27 (Fall Term 1 Course)
  ILD 899-A On Campus Residency July 26-27 (Fall Term 1 Course)
  Orientation August 4-7 (Fall Term 1 Course)
*Break: August 18 – August 24
Fall Term 1: August 25 – October 17
Fall Term 2: October 20 – December 12

January-August 2015
Spring Term 1: January 5-February 27
Spring Term 2: March 2-April 24
Summer Term 1: April 27-June 19
Summer Term 2: June 22-August 14

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