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## IDD&E Congratulates Graduates and Welcomes New Students!

### Congratulations Graduates!

The future of instructional design, development and evaluation just got a little brighter with the addition of some new stars entering the field. On May 14, 2011, IDD&E awarded Master's degrees to the following graduates: **Amber Acevedo, Kannan AMR, Lu Chen, Stephen Covello, Kevin Forgard, George Irwin, Ashleigh McGowan, Ryley Miller, Lori Robinson, Eric Stevenson, and Reynaldo (Ryan) Villar.** **Stacey White** was awarded the Educational Technology Certificate, **Yin Wah Kreher** was awarded the CAS and **Sari-Ann Yonaty** was awarded the Ph.D. In celebration of the event, the department hosted an ice cream social for the graduates and their families on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all! To learn where some of our graduates are headed, turn to page 5.



From left are : Lu Chen, Steve Covello, Ryan Villar, Kevin Forgard, Lori Robinson, Ryley Miller, Amber Acevedo, George Irwin, and Ashleigh McGowan.

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## IDD&E Graduation Party & Ice Cream Social

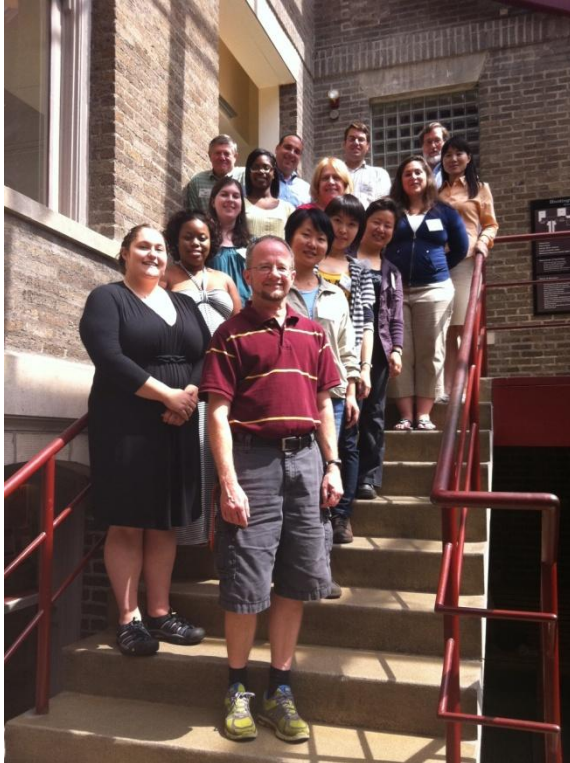


IDD&E Annual Ice Cream Social



Recipients of Professional Service Awards  
*From left to right: Amber Acevedo, Kevin Forgard, Lori Robinson.*

## IDD&E Welcomes New Students!



New students and faculty of IDD&E

*Photo courtesy of Micah Shipee*

IDD&E welcomed 12 new students to the Fall semester:

Educational Technology Certificate:  
**Zuheir Khlaif;**

Masters (MS):  
**Tashera Bolds, Cody Catalina,  
Nicholas Sanchez, Robert Sauro;**

Masters in Instructional Technology (MS-IT):  
**Shakis Drummond, Megan Rawlings,  
Meghan Slack;**

Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS):  
**Amber Acevedo;**

PhD:  
**Ye Chen, Tiffany Squires, Di Sun.**

## IDD&E Welcomes New Faculty Member!



New faculty in IDD&E: Laurel Chiesa

*Photo courtesy of Jen Reece-Barnes*

Laurel Chiesa will be teaching the Instructional Technology K-12 Practicum and Seminar this year as part of the new Master's degree in IT, now offered in IDDE. Her background is K-12 education with an interest in technology. Laurel has taught elementary and middle school grades and served as Technology Integration Specialist for Fayetteville-Manlius Schools, where she is currently the Director of Technology. Laurel graduated from Syracuse University with a Certificate of Advanced Study in Education and Leadership and also holds a Masters of Computer Education from Columbia University. Welcome Laurel!

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## IDD&E Students in the News

IDD&E doctoral student **Leigh Tolley** gave a presentation at the Eastern Evaluation Research Society Annual Meeting that took place in Galloway, NJ, May 1-3, 2011. Leigh's presentation, *When the Stars Align: The Fundamental Issue of Context and Its Role in Exemplary Evaluations* was one of the three top-ranked student paper proposals selected to be presented at the conference. Congratulations Leigh!



Leigh's presentation

*Photo courtesy of Leigh Tolley*

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Congratulations to **Leigh Tolley** for being selected as a 2011-2012 Teaching Mentor by the Graduate School. Top student teachers are selected as Teaching Mentors to provide training and support for new TA's at Syracuse University and to staff the Annual New TA Orientation Program.

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The Central New York Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (CNY ASTD) recently held its first Measurement & Evaluation Special Interest Group Meeting and IDD&E student **Kevin Forgard** was on hand to deliver a talk on Kirkpartick's Four Levels of Evaluation. The meeting included lunch and open discussion on all the presentations. Congratulations Kevin!

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Congratulations to IDD&E students **Mehkta Waney** and **Yan Suo** who, along with their fellow classmates from the iSchool course Digital iCreation, won the Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship.

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Congratulations also go out to IDD&E doctoral student **John A. Gonzalez**, who has accepted a position within the NYC Department of Education as a Senior Research Analyst. As of September, John has been working with the progress reports team to evaluate school and teacher performance throughout the city schools.

Much congratulations to Dr. **Seratwa Ntloedibe-Kuswani** who successfully defended her dissertation “Exploring the use of electronic mobile technologies among distance learners in rural communities for safe and disruptive learning”. Seratwa was very effective in defending her work and responding to examiner questions. Congratulations Seratwa!

## Publications, Presentations, and Seminars

- Faber, D., Pellegrini, B., Saflund, P., Teles, E., & **Smith, N.** (Chair). (2011). *EvaluATE National Visiting Committee Report of the April 13-15, 2011*, Committee Meeting. Report submitted to The National Science Foundation and Western Michigan University, June 3, 2011.
- Smith, N. L.** (August, 2011). *How the evaluator sharpens the questions*. Presentation made at meeting of The Advisory Panel of the Community College Partnership Models and Instructional Impacts Project, NSF ATE Targeted Research Project, SRI International, Menlo Park, CA.
- Tolley, L. M.** (2011, May). *When the stars align: The fundamental issue of context and its role in exemplary evaluations*. Paper presented at the Eastern Evaluation Research Society (EERS) 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Galloway, New Jersey.
- Foley, A. & Luo, H.** (in press). Developing web prototypes for mobile-learning design research. *International Journal of Mobile and Blended Learning*.
- Foley, A. and Yildirim, N.** (2011). The relationship between game design and instructional design. *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 15(2), 14.
- Foley, A. & Luo, H.** (2011). Prototype development in Mobile-learning design research. *Proceedings of World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications 2011* (pp. 376-383). Chesapeake, VA: AACE. Retrieved from <http://www.editlib.org/p/37894>.
- Prestopnik, N. & **Foley, A.** (2011). The TEMPO of battle: Designing a temporally enabled map for presentation. *Proceedings of World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications 2011* (pp. 529-538). Chesapeake, VA: AACE. Retrieved from <http://www.editlib.org/p/37917>.
- Luo, H., & Koszalka, T.** (2011). Making design decisions visible: Applying the Case-based method in designing online instruction. *International Journal of Designs for Learning*, 1(2), Multimedia. Retrieved from <http://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/ijdl/article/view/1102/1296>.

## IDD&E Faculty in the News

**Dr. Alan Foley** has developed a new iAdvocate App that is now available for download at the iTunes Store. The new (and free!) iPhone app allows parents of children with disabilities quick and easy access to important information such as their rights and regulations. For the full story, follow the link: [http://soe.syr.edu/media/documents/2011/5/Spring2011\\_EdEx.pdf](http://soe.syr.edu/media/documents/2011/5/Spring2011_EdEx.pdf)

Congratulations to **Dr. Tiffany Koszalka** who became a full professor! Tiffany is presently focusing on creating different models of distance instruction that will be designed to appeal to, and support, a variety of diverse learners. This renewed effort on her part will result in online experiences for both domestic students and international groups as she continues to work in Thailand and with new partners in Chile, Israel, and other parts of the world.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jing Lei** who received tenure! Receiving tenure means the start of a new stage. With more confidence, patience, and calm, Jing can continue doing the things that she loves: conducting research and writing papers/books, teaching, working with students on projects, talking with them on various topics, and being an active contributing member of the community.

**Dr. Nick Smith** received a *Distinguished Alumni Award* from the College of Education of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Nominated by peers with a final selection by a committee of alumni, Nick was honored for his outstanding contributions at a ceremony on April 2, 2011. Congratulations Nick!

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## IDD&E Graduates Enter the Workforce

**Steve Covello** will be the new Rich Media Specialist in the Instructional Design department at Granite State College in Concord, New Hampshire.

**Ashleigh McGowan** will be working for Project Advance at Syracuse University.

**Stacey White** will be working on 2 projects at SU: with Dr. Tiffany Koszalka to determine how to turn a traditional SU classroom course into a self-pace online course; and with Dr. Alan Foley, Dr. Jeffrey Stanton (iSchool), and Ms. Vicki Brackens (World of Cheddar, LLC) to continue development of an online financial decision-making simulation/game. Stacey will also be earning her MS in IDDE in December.

**Reynaldo (Ryan) Villar** will be returning to the Philippines to continue his work in the Training Department at the Central Bank of the Philippines.

**Yin Wah Kreher** is currently working on her Ph.D. dissertation study, supervised by Professor Marjorie DeVault from the Maxwell School, Department of Sociology.

**Lori Robinson** has been accepted into the Higher Education Administration PhD program at Louisiana State University (LSU).

## Alumni News

The latest issue of SU magazine has an article about **Berlin Fang**, one of our former grad students who is a very well respected English to Chinese translator. You can read about his accomplishments at: [http://sumagazine.syr.edu/2011summer/alumnijournal/profiles\\_Summer2011/berlinfang.html](http://sumagazine.syr.edu/2011summer/alumnijournal/profiles_Summer2011/berlinfang.html).

Our alumnus, **Lawrence Swiader** (Newhouse '89 & IDD&E '93), currently the Senior Director of Digital Media at The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, focuses on a new free online birth control support network for young adults, [bedsider.org](http://bedsider.org).

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## Important Dates and Deadlines

**Master's Portfolio Registration Deadline:** October 10, 2011

**Master's Portfolio due to advisor by** November 1, 2011

**Doctoral Portfolio Review Registration Deadline:** October 31, 2011

**Portfolio due to Linda with Approval Sheet signed by advisor by** Monday, November 28, 2011

**Faculty meeting with candidates:** Friday, December 9, 2011, 9am-12N (45-minute slots)

**Registration for Spring semester:** Wednesday, November 9 - Friday, December 16

**Thanksgiving Break** (no classes, University offices open Monday through Wednesday): Sunday, November 20 - Sunday, November 27

**Doctoral Qualifying Examination in Research:** Friday, January 6

**Doctoral Qualifying Examination in Design/Development:** Monday, January 9

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## Call for Information

We are currently gathering material for upcoming IDD&E newsletters, and would like to include updates from staff, students, and alumni. Please send any information you would like included in the IDD&E newsletter to **Di Sun**, IDD&E Newsletter Editor, at [dsun02@syr.edu](mailto:dsun02@syr.edu).