DEIL Update

Fall 1991 marks a time of transition for DEIL. Professor Braj B. Kachru has stepped down as Director, and Professor Eyamba Bokamba has been named to the position. Professor Bokamba has been a member of the Linguistics faculty at the University of Illinois since 1975, and a long-time member of DEIL's cooperating faculty as well. Therefore DEIL has already benefited from his academic contributions, particularly in the area of African Englishes. Now under Professor Bokamba's leadership, the Division is looking forward to continued success and productivity, as well as to stimulating new directions.

Congratulations...

...to Molly Mack, who was promoted to Associate Professor in Spring 1991.

... to Tom Gould, Associate Director of the Intensive English Institute, for his recent promotion to the position of Lecturer.

... to Cindy Meyer-Giertz, DEIL’s administrative secretary. This fall Cindy received a Staff Service Award from the School of Humanities. She was honored for her hard work and dedication at a reception at Krannert in October.

The Intensive English Institute plans to become the central office for UCIEP (University and College Intensive English Programs) for the next four to five years. UCIEP is an independent organization, originally part of NAFSA, founded in 1967 to promote the advancement of professional standards and quality instruction in intensive English programs in the United States.

Each semester, DEIL co-sponsors the campus’ Orientation for International Teaching Assistants. This August, a record number of DEIL faculty members and teaching assistants were involved in the program. Professor Susan Taylor, Professor Larry Bouton, Greta Levis, John Levis, Dianne Dow, Sally Henkel, Diane Eagle, and Mariam Ahmed all contributed to the success of the program. The orientation was organized by Laura Hahn, and Laurie Blakely was Assistant Coordinator.

New Courses in DEIL

The DEIL faculty have recently introduced new courses and seminars for students in the MA curriculum. Some of you more recent alumni may have had the opportunity to take these. Some of the titles include:

Communicative Approaches to Second and Foreign Language Teaching
(Numa Markee)

Neurolinguistics and Second Language Learning
(Molly Mack)

Culture through Literature
(Larry Bouton)

Research in Second Language Acquisition
(Ron Cowan)

Curriculum Development
(Numa Markee)

Pragmatics in Language Teaching
(Larry Bouton)

Computers in Language Research
(Fred Davidson)
Rosa Schuette (1975) is the assistant director of the ESL program at Washington University in St. Louis. She is responsible for creating a pronunciation and writing center for international students, developing the ESL curriculum, and teaching. She recently visited DEII to ‘get recharged,’ and share ideas with some of the faculty.

John Turek (1978) corresponded with us earlier this year. He writes that he is currently the U.S. Information Service English Teaching Officer in Paris, France.

Carol Knipscheer (1979) is at the University of Central Arkansas. She is the coordinator of their recently established Intensive English Program.

Georgette Jabbar (1980) has been a Higher Education instructor of English at the English for Specific Purposes Center (ESPSC) at Damascus University, Syria. This academic year, she has been responsible for the program coordination. She writes that "it is thrilling to read about the faculty, staff, and students I know during my stay at Urbana-Champaign" in DEII/DELS.

Kelly Rambis (1983) is teaching English at the College of General Education, Nagoya City University, Japan.

Frank Sauder (1984) sent us a note in May. He is teaching conversation, listening, and reading at Yamanashi Medical College...and he has a view of Mt. Fuji from his office window. He and his wife Kathy have two little boys.

David Wible (1984) is an Assistant Professor at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Judy Stein Schechter (1984) is living in Buffalo Grove, IL. She is teaching ESL to low-level adults.

Doug Mills (1986) is back at the University of Illinois, teaching in the Intensive English Institute. He and his wife Kimberlie had been in Morocco for the past three years.

Other DEII alumni who recently began teaching in the IEI include Diane Eagle (1989), Lillian Kutz (1991), and Cathy Wesolek (1989).

Beatriz Cohino-Lawn (1988) had been in Mexico for three years, where she became an academic consultant for Oxford University Press — and also a mother to her son Christopher. She and her family are now moving to California. She writes that "I have nothing but good memories of my time at the U. of I. in the Division."

Kevin Curry (1988) and his wife Beverley (attended) also have a new family member, Rebekah, born May 14, 1991. They are living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

One more baby! Susan Sullivan-Tunca (1988) and her husband Erdal welcomed Reya Melissa into the world on July 18, 1991. Susie has been teaching in the Intensive English Program at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Steve Lund (1990) is working in Chile for USIS.

Miao-fei Wang (1991) is teaching at the Taichung Institute of Commerce in Taiwan.

Once again we are delighted to hear from so many of you. We hope that you are finding DEII/DELS interesting and informative. As always, we solicit ideas for and feedback on our endeavors to keep in touch with you.

If we have not heard from you, we would like to! We would like to be able to confirm your address, or expedite our mailings if these newsletters are getting to you through some circuitous route. And of course, we want to know what you have been doing. Any news you can share with us will be welcome. We also rely on you to inform us of the addresses of other DEII/DELS alumni you keep in touch with.

Are you going to Vancouver for the TESOL Convention? It is a great opportunity to meet up with University of Illinois classmates and faculty. There is sure to be at least one "Illini Reunion" get-together, so ask around and check message boards for more information. And be sure to look for us!

Laura D. Hahn

Wayne B. Dickerson

Whatever Happened To...

Carmen Virgilio (1970)
Lindford Lougheed (1973)
Winston Priest (1973)
John Petrich (1974)
Shigeki Maekawa (1976)
Merli Berkovich (1977)
Thomas Callaghan (1978)
Wan R. Wan Yahya (1987)
Jin Hong Gang (1987)

We have lost track of these DEII alumni. If you know where anyone is, please let us know!
Sixth Annual International Conference on Pragmatics and Language Learning

April 2 - 4, 1992
at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Organized by the Division of English as an International Language and its Intensive English Institute

Conference Co-Chairs: Lawrence F. Bouton and Yamuna Kachru

Keynote Speakers include:

Susan Ervin-Tripp  Braj B. Kachru
University of California at Berkeley  UIUC

Bruce Fraser  Tom McArthur
Boston University  Editor, English Today

The focus of this conference will be on the interaction of pragmatics, discourse analysis, and conversational analysis with the learning of a second or foreign language (especially English) in either formal or informal surroundings.

In conjunction with this conference...

World Engishes Today:
A Conference in Celebration of Professor Henry Kahane's Ninetieth Birthday

April 1 - 3, 1992

Organized by the Division of Applied Linguistics and the Division of English as an International Language

The conference will begin with position papers on the diffusion of English and its linguistic, sociological, political, and pedagogical implications. There will also be panels organized around central themes with extended opportunities for participation and questions from all session participants. These themes will include:

2. Standards and norms.
3. Literary creativity and the canon.
5. Testing English across cultures.
6. Englishization across languages and literatures.
7. The power of English.
8. Teaching World Engishes.

For information concerning housing and registration contact Cindy Meyer-Giertz at
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