

# Ed Studies News



## Teacher Scholars for Social Justice



### Diversity and Inclusion Matter!

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As you are no doubt aware, there have been some powerful conversations around campus this semester about diversity and issues of social justice—more specifically, race and racism. These are conversations that we here in Ed Studies take very seriously. We remain attuned to the injustices that abound not only in the world, but also here in our own community, and we applaud our students who have taken the initiative to speak passionately and candidly about these difficult issues.

In an effort to continue this ongoing dialogue about social justice and diversity, we extend to you, our students, an earnest invitation to attend an **Open Forum** to discuss diversity and inclusion. We hope to discuss with you how we as a department can support the current initiatives on campus surrounding issues of race and racism.

Please make every effort to attend our first Open Forum. We want to hear your voice and to partner with you to ensure that we are living out our mission of being teacher scholars for social justice. Because we are meeting during the lunch hour, we will provide *pizza!*

**What: Ed Studies Diversity and Inclusion Open Forum**

**When: Monday, November 23 @ 12:15**

**Where: SFH001**

*Please come and be heard.*

**Free!  
(To Borrow)**

Modestly housed in CLA 314 is a handy **Ed Studies Resource Library** boasting a variety of books about diversity, families, educational theory, and lots more. Feel free to stop by and check out a book for some helpful, informative reading!



**Did you say  
Cookies?!**

### JOIN US FOR COCOA AND COOKIES!

Come celebrate the end of the semester with some steaming hot cocoa and delicious cookies!

**Where: Ed Studies Commons (CLA 3rd Floor)**

**When: Monday, Dec. 7 ~ 11:00-noon**

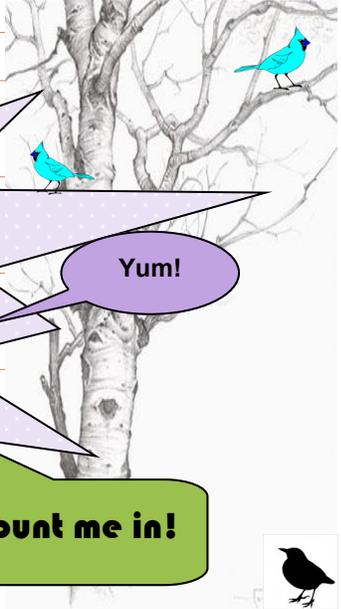
**Don't miss out!!!**

**WAHOO!**

**Yum!**

**Opportunities like this  
don't come along  
every day, ya' know!**

**Count me in!**



## Brand New Internship Opportunity: Mexico in May (2016)

We are thrilled to announce a new May Term internship in Mexico! Two lucky Ed Studies students will have the opportunity to spend a month in **Querétaro**, learning about the region, schools, and culture. We are in the process of finalizing the details of this internship, so stay tuned!



## Guess Who?



In search of Goldilocks:

Apparently, our first Guess Who contest was **too difficult** as only one person guessed correctly. Our second Guess Who was way **too easy**—everyone guessed correctly. (It was Professor Gray, in case you were wondering.) Watch this space in January as we try to give you a Guess Who that's not too hard, not too easy, but **juuuuust right**.

In the meantime, the winner of the Dunkin' Donuts \$5.00 gift card for October was Lauren McAnally! *Congratulations, Lauren! Enjoy!*

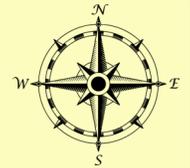


Rita Pierson: Every kid needs a champion



**It's about the *relationship!***  
**Check out** this inspiring TED Talk from Rita Pierson. Every child deserves a champion—and that champion is **YOU!**

*A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils.*  
*Ever Garrison*



## Introducing . . .

### Colleen Herald

Dr. Colleen Herald is the new Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure and Assessment at IWU. She is enjoying the beautiful IWU campus and the positive welcome she has received from faculty, staff, and students. Having worked in teacher education for many years, Dr. Herald is honored to be a part of preparing a new generation of teachers who are committed to Social Justice in education. In her free time, Dr. Herald sits on the board of the Bloomington/Normal Boys & Girls Club and enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with her growing family. Welcome, Dr. Herald!

Your expertise and enthusiasm are fantastic additions to our department!

### Christine Horner

You learned a bit about Christine Horner in our first Guess Who contest this year, but what you may not realize is that Christine moved to the Ed Studies department from right downstairs here in CLA! When asked what surprised her about the move up to Ed Studies, she said, "I'm amazed and impressed with the students and the amount of work they have to do to be licensed. They must be really serious and dedicated to be want to be teachers!" Christine has so far enjoyed the challenge of learning all the ins and outs of the Ed Studies department. "I enjoy a challenge," she said. Good thing! If there's anything we have in abundance here in Ed Studies, it's challenging opportunities! Welcome aboard, Christine!

We're so happy you're part of our department!

## 'Tis the Season. . . to be Socially Responsible

Soon, many of us will trundle home to spend time with our families, celebrating any number of holidays. Worries about papers, projects, and professors will be supplanted briefly by food, family, and festivities. As Thanksgiving ushers in this holiday season, we invite you to think about how you might address this national holiday in your own classroom someday. It should come as no surprise that the days of having students dress up as "Pilgrims and Indians" has (thankfully) passed. In place of those outdated practices, consider teaching about holidays through the lens of social justice. Here's a website that offers some ideas for approaching the Thanksgiving holiday in a socially responsible way. Take a look!

<http://www.tolerance.org/blog/teaching-thanksgiving-socially-responsible-way>

