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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)

Alumni Update

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 DEIL 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 Jabbour (1980) has been a Higher Education instructor of English at the English for Specific Purposes Center (ESPC) 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 knew during my stay at Urbana-Champaign" in DEILING You In.

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

Beatriz Cofiño-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-Tuncan** (1988) and her husband **Erdol** welcomed **Reya Melisa** 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.

From the Editors

Once again we are delighted to hear from so many of you. We hope that you are finding DEILING You In 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 DEIL/DESL 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)
Linford Lougheed (1973)
Winston Priest (1973)
John Perovich (1974)
Shigeko Maekawa (1976)
Merilu Berkovitch (1977)
Thomas Callaghan (1978)
Wan R. Wan Yahya (1987)
Jin Hong Gang (1987)

We have lost track of these DEIL alumni.
If you know where anyone is, please let us know!

**Professional Development
for Teaching Assistants:
Latest News**

by Numa Markee

A number of innovations have been implemented recently to upgrade the professional support provided to Teaching Assistants who are instructors in DEIL's ESL service courses. One of the most important developments involved DEIL's participation in planning and implementing a five-day, pre-semester orientation for all new Teaching Assistants who teach Composition. Last fall, Teaching Assistants from DEIL, Rhetoric, EOP Rhetoric and Speech Communication met with each other in two or three plenary sessions as well as sessions organized by each individual program. Evaluations by the DEIL Teaching Assistants who participated in the orientation indicated that the experience had been a very valuable one. This orientation is due to become even more comprehensive in the next two or three years.

Since the connection of the Foreign Languages Building to the electronic mail network on campus, an electronic list (called ESL-TA-L) to which all ESL Teaching Assistants subscribe has been set up. This list is used to accomplish such "bread and butter" tasks as the dissemination of administrative information to list subscribers but also (and much more interestingly) to promote discussion among Teaching Assistants of issues, problems and solutions that relate to their day-to-day teaching. This list has not only generated lively discussion on a wide variety of topics but has also contributed to the development of a new composition evaluation instrument for the graduate and undergraduate sequences. This project is an example of the professional development philosophy that underpins DEIL's service courses: that the service courses should provide Teaching Assistants with opportunities to engage in curricular activities that contribute directly to their own professionalization as ESL practitioners.

**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
University of California at Berkeley

Braj B. Kachru
UIUC

Bruce Fraser
Boston University

Tom McArthur
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 Englishes 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:

1. Global sociolinguistic profiles.
2. Standards and norms.
3. Literary creativity and the canon.
4. Cross-linguistic intelligibility.
5. Testing English across cultures.
6. Englishization across languages and literatures.
7. The power of English.
8. Teaching World Englishes.

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

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Issues and Developments in English and Applied Linguistics



IDEAL (Issues and Developments in English and Applied Linguistics) is an annual publication of DEIL and its Intensive English Institute and serves as a forum for research into the acquisition and teaching of English as a second or foreign language. Now in its seventh year, it alternates between a general focus and a specific-topics focus. The specific volumes have dealt with computers in language learning and language research, and issues in pragmatics and language learning. Its editors are Wayne B. Dickerson (chair), Fred Davidson, and Yamuna Kachru.

We welcome your contributions. Manuscripts submitted for consideration should conform to the *IDEAL* style sheet printed inside the back cover of each volume or available from the DEIL office, 3070 Foreign Languages Building, 707 S. Mathews, Urbana, Illinois, 61801, or from the editors through e-mail: W-DICKERSON@uiuc.edu. If you are interested in learning more about our journal, please write for a free listing of the contents of all past issues. To subscribe to *IDEAL*, you may place your order with the DEIL office at the above address. Each issue (including back orders) costs \$8.00 payable by check to the order of the University of Illinois.

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