REG Newsletter
Reading Educators Guild

CSUF Reading Department Welcomes New Faculty

Catherine Olsen Maderazo joins the Department of Reading as an Associate Professor. Dr. Maderazo started her educational career in Orange County, after graduating from UC Irvine, as a teacher in the Capistrano Unified School District. She taught second grade at both Truman Benedict and Foxborough before moving to the bay area to pursue her MA in language and literacy at UC Berkeley. While working on her MA, Catherine taught primary grades in Mill Valley. Dr. Maderazo went on to Arizona State University where she worked as a teaching assistant and later a full-time lecturer while earning her Ph.D in curriculum and instruction. Her dissertation focused on new teacher development and responsive pedagogy. Later Catherine was hired as an assistant professor at Kansas State University where she taught in the Department of Reading and Elementary Education. While at Kansas State, Catherine worked closely with an elementary school paired with the university providing faculty development for the teachers. She especially enjoys opportunities to work with teachers and students in their home school settings and is looking forward to finding similar opportunities now that she is back in Orange County. (Alumni take note!) Catherine stated, “It is important for teachers to celebrate their students and recognize the impact they have on each one.” In her first semester at CSUF Catherine is teaching the Read 516 assessment course and Read 520, Technology and Reading. Her research interests focus on literacy teacher education, early elementary literacy learning and extending the possibilities for literacy pedagogy that reflects the interests and strengths of diverse children.

Catherine has two sons, Leo (13) and Elliot (11). Both are enrolled at Pioneer Middle School in Tustin. Her hobby is reading children’s literature - a very appropriate choice for someone in her position!

Editor’s note: For our Fall REG Newsletter we again celebrate the May graduates, (great pictures Kathi and Linda) while welcoming new faculty to the Reading Department.

Items of Interest for REG Newsletter???
We would welcome your submissions to the newsletter. Please send your article via email to lovett.gc@verizon.net. Please type “REG” on the subject line of your email. Thanks, we’d love to hear from you!
Gena Lovett, Editor

New web address!!
http://reg.fullerton.edu
Julian Jefferies has joined the Department of Reading as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Jefferies completed his BA in communication and journalism at Suffolk University. He earned an MA in Applied Linguistics from the University of Massachusetts and a Ph.D in education, specializing in bilingual/ESL studies from Boston College. Dr. Jefferies’ teaching experience includes high school, undergraduate and graduate courses. He taught paired courses in English and social studies at a unique high school for immigrant and international students in Boston public schools. He also served as the soccer coach. He has tutored and taught undergraduate courses in critical thinking and writing, specializing in working with first generation college students. Dr. Jefferies also taught graduate courses in social contexts of literacy at Boston College. Dr. Jefferies supervises groups of students each summer in a Study Abroad program in the Caribbean. Undergraduates in the program earn college credits while gaining life experiences. Julian shares, “It is important to help students step out of their comfort zone through programs like Study Abroad where they can appreciate what they know as well as what they don’t know. These kinds of experiences allow students to develop as critical thinkers as they become aware of the variety of world views.” Julian’s research interests include sociocultural contexts of immigrant youth, undocumented students in K-12 and the role of linguistics in content-area teaching. He has published in the area of immigration in the media and has conducted research on experiences of undocumented youth in educational institutions.

Dr. Jefferies is a native of Argentina and a product of a bilingual household. He is enjoying the climate and culture of southern California and when he has some down time he boxes and collects vinyl records.

**Faculty Footnotes**

This past academic year was another busy one for the Department of Reading faculty. We began our first all online master’s degree cohorts, one in the fall and one in the spring. Courses are being rolled out in their online form as students reach the next stage in the program. The first group will complete their all online MS in Fall 2012. Of course, we are still offering face-to-face classes at the Fullerton campus and at the Irvine campus of CSUF. We graduated our El Rancho cohort in December, 2011. Our Paramount and Fullerton School district cohorts are continuing in their programs.

Faculty continue to produce high quality work through grants, publications and presentations. Drs. Manzo and Bowers won a grant to implement the Pocket Tutor Project. Dr. Bowers presented at the IRA and LRA conferences. Dr. Erica Bowers also coauthored a text that was published by Shell Education this year and a book chapter on developing academic English. In addition Dr. Bowers co-authored an article that appeared in the Bilingual Research Journal.

Dr. Ordoñez-Jasis was awarded a sabbatical for the 2010-2011 academic year. She used that time to its fullest, presenting at AERA and CAEYC and co-authoring two book chapters and three journal articles. See below for full citations of all works.

**Faculty Publications 2010-2011**


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**Heather Brandon Expresses Appreciation for the Edwin Carr Scholarship Award**

"I’m sure everyone can attest to the financial hardships especially prevalent these past few years. Imagine going to your mailbox on a typical day and finding out that “someone” has selected you to have a considerable sum of money to ease your burden. It sounds too good to be true, but thanks to all of the sponsors in the room this was a reality for all of the recipients here tonight. I am so grateful for the generosity that made this a reality. Knowing that there are wonderful people within the Cal State Fullerton community who want to see an educator like myself succeed, makes this award even more special. With my husband in school for an infinite amount of time, it has made it challenging for me to pursue my academic goals. The Masters in Reading program has made a world of difference to me and to all 268 students at my school that I impact. I am 100 times more effective as a reading teacher because of this program and know it has not only changed my life trajectory for the better and impacted my career, but it is also responsible for all of the students I work with to read at higher levels. At times it has been beyond challenging to balance work and school and a marriage, but it makes its more manageable knowing that I have cheerleaders to see that I complete this program. Being a reading specialist has been my dream job for over 5 years now. I would have thought this a dream too extreme, but thanks to all of you my dreams came true!" 

*Note: Heather received two scholarships while she was a student in the program. She was a Reading Educators Guild scholarship recipient her first year in the program and the second year she received the Klausner scholarship. Heather wrote the speech below which she read at both the College of Education Scholarship awards event in 2010 and again at the Reading Educators Guild breakfast earlier this year.*

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**REG Board 2010-2012**

The REG Board thanks Robin Barry for her generous service as President to our Reading Educator’s Guild and welcomes Lesley Zarola as President for the remainder of the 2010-2012 term of office. Listed below is the current board with contact information:

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*from the autumn dessert reception this is Heather's speech*
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Note: Photos are available on our face book site - Reading Educators Guild – please log on and "like" us.
On right: Dr. Bowers with Heather Brandon, Edwin Carr Fellow

On left: Outstanding Graduate Student Awardees, Karen Arrelano, Kristine Magnien, Heather Brandon (Edwin Carr Fellow) and Kara Schneider

Above: Awesome volunteers Linda Cardwell, Lesley Zorola, Carlin Le-Hessinger, Matt Harris & Robin Barry

Above: El Rancho Cohort

Below: Fullerton campus grads