Dear Friends and Colleagues of the IEDP,

We can't believe the 2014-2015 academic year has come to an end! It has been a wonderful and busy, studious, rewarding, fun and inspiring learning experience. Our cohort finished the academic year in style, presenting our policy briefs and spending quality time together before heading off to our internship placements. A number of us also marched in this year's graduation ceremony. A big thank you to all the family and friends who traveled from far and near to attend the ceremony and support the graduates!

In this last edition of the newsletter, enjoy final takeaways/advice from the IEDPers, pictures from our policy brief presentations, from graduation, and don't forget to check our twitter and social media updates! Please note that IEDP's Twitter account will be on hiatus over the summer.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who throughout the year were part of our newsletter editions, to all our followers, friends and readers: thanks for supporting us throughout this journey. It has been a great pleasure to be co-editors of this newsletter.

It is a bittersweet ending. We will miss you all, and wish you the best experience on your internships.

With much love,

Irene Greaves & Abby Wacker
Co-Editors
Takeaways, Thoughts and Advice from the Year

We asked IEDPers to share with us their thoughts, takeaways, meaningful quotes, and/or advice from the 2014-2015 academic year:

**Sara Dolinger:**
"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."  
- Vincent Van Gogh

**Mary Encabo:**
A quote that perhaps describes what we learned about the nature of development work and the field of development:

"The shortest route is not always the best route, because often times it can bypass life's most important lessons."  
- Ravi Zacharias

AND

"Unconditional love has only one condition: sacrifice."  
- Mary Encabo

Since we often talk about making the world a better place (which can be one expression of love), but are we willing to sacrifice in the process?

**Minju Choi:**
One of the clichéd sayings that continue to resonate with me as I am studying International Educational Development is "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man how to fish and he will eat for a lifetime." This quote really resonates with me because it incorporates the great amount of effort and time needed in this field of development. There is definitely no "short-cut" to development work and I think it's really important to remember that.

**Danielle Bicknell:**
"You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give."

During my time at Penn, I have been fortunate to study and work with people who are devoted to a life of giving in order to help others thrive. It has been an incredible experience to understand the complexities of how to put that into action, but I am grateful that IEDP has given me the skill set and confidence to go out and make a positive and sustainable difference in the world. The relationships I have cultivated at IEDP will live long beyond the end of the program and I am excited to keep these relationships while we all go and pursue our dreams.

**Hina Baloch:**
"Don't judge a Policy Brief by its poster!"

**Shruti Bhat**
"All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual."  
- Albert Einstein

**Nicole Jabson**
"One cannot define itself without the Other"

**Rachel Disbrow**
"What kind of opportunity are you going to be?" - Dr. Fantuzzo

**Ranya Bautista**
"Learn the rules of the game to change them."

**Lisa Wartemberg**
"We cannot unsettle development without unsettling ourselves, as development requires us to think about the ideas of change and progress, and our role in both."  
- Edward Carr

**OreOluwa Badaki**
“Not all that has been learned has been experienced; but only that which has been learned through experience becomes one’s own.”

- Abd-ra-shin

Andrea Alcaya
“You have to start by moving the needle to then change the world”

- Paraphrasing Dr. Ghaffar-Kucher

Mayli Zapata
“Be an opportunity for others”

- Dr. Fantuzzo

AND

“Let’s move the needle a little bit”

- Dr. Ghaffar-Kucher

Irene Greaves
Love is the sine qua non of any development work

Ruju Vyas
Development work requires sincere humility

Abby Wacker
Context is everything.

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**Final Proseminar/Fieldwork Class**

“The tree of takeaways” created during the final class.

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Final class group picture!

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Graduation
Social Media Updates
IEDP has been expanding our social media presence to keep you updated on what we’re doing.

- See what current students are up to via our Tumblr
- Follow the program on Twitter @IEDP_PennGSE
- Subscribe to our daily paper with the latest development news stories
- Read our Tweets in story form via Storify
- Join our community via LinkedIn
- Like our brand new official Facebook page
- And keep checking our website!

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IEDP Invited Lecture Series
April 9, 2015
Dr. Najeeb Shafiq
"The Social Benefits of Education in the Middle East and South Asia"
IEDPers supporting in the audience

Students eating lunch with Dr. Shafiq and Dr. Maoulidi