Happy New Year to our IEDP Friends!

The IEDP is up and running again, ready for a new semester with many exciting things in store. We are researching our policy briefs, learning about project and proposal planning, and preparing for the CIES conference in March to name just a few highlights for the Spring.

In this newsletter, we would like to update you about some new aspects of our social media presence. We are also bringing you details on two conferences you won't want to miss this spring. See also the sidebar for quick links to upcoming lectures and recent IEDP Tweets on educational development news. Thanks for keeping up with us, and we hope you enjoy!

Cordially,

Kara Doriani and Adam Saks

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To celebrate the life, work, and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. some IEDPers volunteered to serve the community. Above are Catharine, Katelyn, Laura, Amy and Adam at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. This event was part of the 19th annual Greater Philadelphia MLK Day of Service.

58th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES):
"Revisioning Education for All"

Monday, March 10th-Saturday, March 15th
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel
Toronto, Canada
for national policy makers and global governors in education. The phrase first emerged at the time 
of the formation of UNESCO, alongside the recognition of education as a universal human right. 
"Education for all" returned as the central organizing theme for World Conferences in Jomtien 
(1990) and in Senegal (2000). It continues to frame global social imaginaries about the actionable 
links between learning systems and social justice. Yet almost seventy years later, global 
institutions, national policy makers, civil society organizations and citizens struggle and compete 
to give tangible meaning to EFA.**

IEDP students will be in attendance this year at CIES to learn and present along with program 
directors Dan Wagner, PhD and Ameena Ghaffar-Kucher, EdD. Next month's newsletter will 
feature more information about IEDP's conference presence, so stay tuned.

**from the website. For more, visit http://www.cies.us/2014/

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**MOOCs For Development:**
"Potential at the Bottom of the Pyramid"

An International Invitational Conference
Thursday, April 10th to Friday, April 11th
University of Pennsylvania

The Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) movement is greatly expanding capacity to meet the 
growing demand for educational and learning content worldwide. Many of the world's leading 
higher education institutions are attempting to enable access to high quality education for people 
around the world, including the disadvantaged and under-served. To date, however, the MOOC 
movement has paid insufficient attention to the reality of needs in the developing world.

To address this lack of attention Dr. Dan Wagner, UNESCO Chair in Learning and Literacy and 
IEDP Director, and Joseph Sun, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Engineering and 
Applied Science and IEDP affiliated faculty member are convening the MOOCs4D International 
Invitational Conference. The event will bring together scholars, policy makers, program officers, 
administrators, and technologists from the education and international development sectors. The 
main goal is to better understand the dynamics surrounding this situation, and deliberate on 
solutions and action plans that will enable MOOCs to serve the development needs of resource-
poor communities of learners - those at the "bottom of the pyramid."**

Formal registration opens February 1, 2014. For more information, visit 
**http://moocs4d.org/home.html** or e-mail info@MOOCs4D.org.

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**Upcoming IEDP Lectures**

Benjamin Piper, Senior Research Education Analyst
RTI International
Monday, March 17, 2014

Carol McLaughlin, Research Director for Global Public Health
Penn Center for High Impact Philanthropy
Thursday, March 27, 2014
Recent Tweets

As many as 6,000 children associated with armed groups in #CAR, reports @UN
un.org/apps/news/stor...

Parents in rural India increasingly opting for private schools. Private teachers have less education, but more effort ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?a...

RT @Tostan: This weekend, 74 communities in #Guinea will publicly abandon female genital cutting & #childmarriage. pic.twitter.com/1Hel2hBovA

'The future of African education lies with competent researches' - @rocare reg. exec. secretary, observer.gm/africa/gambia/...

Alpha Conde, President of #Guinea: "West must help us root out corruption in Africa." #davos theguarian.com/commentisfree/...

"South Sudanese students sit for exams in UN compound - theguarian.com/global-develop... via @GdnDevelopment

RT @GdnDevelopment: Africa is rising but growth fails to stimulate jobs gu.com/p/3m2p5/tw

Trivia

IEDPers met on a cold afternoon to share a couple of hours of fun playing Trivia. Divided into three teams, IEDPers were challenged with questions on geography, art and history, and pop culture.

Above left to right: Allison, Tokunbo and Caroline

Social Media Updates

IEDP is expanding our social media presence to keep you up to date on everything we are doing.

• See what current students are up to via our Tumblr

• Follow the program on Twitter @IEDP_PennGSE

• Subscribe to our daily paper.li with the latest development news stories
• Receive a weekly digest of the best development stories of the week via our scoop.it page
• Watch our guest lectures and more on our YouTube channel
• Read our tweets in story form via Storify
• Join our community on LinkedIn
• Like our brand new official Facebook page
• And keep checking our website which will be all new soon