New Grants

- Florence Sullivan, TECS, and W. Richards Adrion, Department of Computer Science, were awarded $300,915 by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop and pilot a new research method that combines microgenetic analysis techniques derived from developmental psychology with learning analytic techniques from the field of computer science.

- Rebecca Woodland, EPRA, and Mike Hannahan, Director of the Donahue Institute Civic Initiative, have been awarded a $23,357 grant sponsored by the Donahue Institute to host 20 secondary school educators from across Pakistan for the Instructional Leadership Initiative for Pakistani Educators (ILIPE). This month-long workshop will include information on innovative K-12 instructional leadership, school improvement, and pedagogical approaches. Kathryn McDermott, EPRA, Richard Lapan, SD, and Becky Mazur, Chris Tranberg, and Shari Abbott, all Ed.D. candidates in EPRA, will assist as guest lecturers and co-facilitators.

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Conference Presentations

- Several TECS community members will be presenting at the International Society for Language Study Conference in Akita, Japan, June 13-15:
  - Keiko Konoeda, Ed.D. candidate, TECS, will present, "Multimodal Storytelling as Multiliterate Practice: Critical Analysis of Digital Storytelling in World Language Classroom."
  - Theresa Austin, TECS, will present, "Working Toward Decolonizing Transnational Telecollaboration for Teacher Development."

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- Sarah Fefer, SD, and Hannah Markos, Jessica Porter, Kayla Gordon, Maria Santiago-Rosario, Caitlin Virga, and Autumn Johnson, all Ed.D. candidates in SD, will present, "Investigating Discrepancies between Adolescent and Teacher Reported Social Competence," at the American Psychological Association’s 2014 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C..

- Martina Nieswandt, TECS, and Betsy McEneaney, TECS, will participate in the 11th International Conference of the Learning Sciences at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, June 23-27, and will participate in a pre-conference workshop to share preliminary results from their NSF project, "Small Group Learning in Science."

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