

REFLECTIONS ON 2011

As another exciting and productive year at CIE draws to an end, we pause to reflect. In May, six students graduated: three Master's and three Doctoral students. In September 2011, ten new students joined CIE. This year's group included 9 master's candidates and one doctoral candidate. Noteworthy is the fact that they come from a total of seven different countries: Afghanistan, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tanzania and the U.S. With the addition of this group CIE is more than two-thirds international students at the moment, creating a vibrant, diverse learning community in the program. Overall, students at CIE are now half Master's candidates and half Doctoral candidates.



Incoming CIE students, September 2011

Higher Education Project in Afghanistan.

In February of 2011 CIE was awarded \$9.9 million as prime contractor for a one year extension of the Higher Education Project (HEP) in Afghanistan. The same CIE team that has been involved in the Higher Education Project over the past five years continued in this new venture. The HEP team at UMass is led by David R. Evans, and Joseph B. Berger, along with BGW and several current CIE graduate students.

The extension continues the work of HEP which includes five major components:

- ◆ Building the capacity of the Ministry of Higher Education
- ◆ Maintaining Professional Development Centers in 11 Universities and creating four new ones.
- ◆ Continuing the Master's in Education at Kabul Education University
- ◆ Developing a Master's degree in Public Policy & Administration

CIE begins work with Palestinian Universities

CIE has embarked on a two-year project in collaboration with Al-Azhar University in Gaza, Palestine. Funded by the World Bank through the Palestinian Ministry of Education, the "Faculty Development in Foundations" project is working to assist the education faculty from three universities in Gaza to improve the quality of instruction in their teacher education program. The project is being led by Cristine Smith and Kate Hudson.

They recently offered a training workshop at Al-Azhar to 40 faculty members from the three universities associated with the project. The focus is on education faculty members, who mostly teach large classes (100+) using a lecture-style format. They are interested in learning how to make such classes more creative, interactive and dialogue-based.

CIE WELCOMES BJØRN NORDTVEIT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Bjorn joined CIE in September, 2011 after five years teaching at Hong Kong University. He brings expertise in youth, child labor, and non-formal education. This fall, he co-taught a course with Ash Hartwell entitled "Youth, Employment, and Education." His

publications address issues of aid effectiveness, non-formal education, China-Africa cooperation in education, forms of child labor and protection of vulnerable children. He has done field work in Benin, Cambodia, DRC, Guinea, Namibia & Swaziland.





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CONTRIBUTING TO CIE

The CIE Endowment Fund continues to grow slowly & steadily, reaching a current total of about \$325,000. The revenue from the account is almost enough to fully support a 10-hour, academic-year assistantship for an international graduate student.

This year, Milka Ndura is our CIE Endowment Fellow. Milka comes from Kenya where she worked with Uwezo, an NGO involved with youth literacy. She also worked with Twaweza, an East African NGO engaged in a variety of creative approaches to citizen empowerment initiatives.

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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

MEMBER UPDATES

In Memory

Russ Dilts passed away suddenly in October 2011. Russ spent more than 30 years in Indonesia leading development initiatives ranging from adult education to farmer extension, to community-based natural resources management. He was instrumental in developing the Farmer Field School approach which has been applied in over 80 countries.



CIE @ CIES in Montreal

From May 1-5th, 2011, CIE members gathered in Montreal to attend the Comparative and International Education Society's annual conference. CIE was a strong presence at the conference with more than twenty current students, faculty, and graduates in attendance. CIE hosted an open reception attended by over 60 people to celebrate our 43rd anniversary.

Graduates of CIE, CIE members working off campus and former CIE faculty were at the conference including Alberto Arenas, Jane Benbow, Mbarou Gassama-Mbaye, Monica Gomes, Alicia Fitzpatrick, Mark Lynd, Flavia Ramos, Anita Anastacio, David Bell, Mainus Sultan, & Vachel Miller.