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Message from the Chairperson

"Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly...A CoP is not merely a club of friends or a network of connections between people. It has an identity defined by a shared domain of interest. Membership therefore implies a commitment to the domain, and therefore a shared competence that distinguishes members from other people." --Etienne Wenger.

This month, I had the enormous pleasure of sharing Mariscada at Seabra's Marisqueira with my colleague Chris Shamburg and globally-recognized thought leader Dr. Etienne Wenger the night before the NJEDge Best Practices Showcase. As we sat enjoying the food and conversation, I couldn't help but think about the great influence Etienne's work has had on my philosophy of education and teaching. It is incredibly gratifying for me to witness these ideas come to fruition in my work with the master's program and now doctoral program in the department. In reflecting on the network of alumni, students, faculty and friends of the Educational Technology Department, it is obvious there is a community of practice who are defined by a passion for innovative teaching with technology. It is apparent in every course I teach and every student I meet. It is this commitment to the domain that is probably the most distinguishing trait of our community.

In fact, our students and alumni never fail to amaze me leading the way as trailblazers across the state, the country, and globally. I know this shared competence, in order to thrive, must be nurtured. I am committed to stewarding our community of innovators, along with my colleagues in the department and in the university. The month's newsletter highlights some of the exciting work of this past month. In April, we will be hosting students from Innovation High School, Jersey City and the Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies on campus for robotics. We are also busy planning for a special event in May (watch for an upcoming announcement!). Welcome Spring!

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Congratulations Dr. Leonid Rabinovich and Linda Bevinghove

There were 25 posters from faculty and educators from across the state at the 2015 NJEDge Best Practices Showcase, and the two poster contest winners were from NJCU.   Interim Library Director of Stevens Institute of Technology and Ed Tech Leadership Doctoral Candidate Linda Bevinghove and Assistant Professor of Educational Technology Dr. Leonid Rabinovich took the honors.
 Ms Beninghove's topic was "Best Practices in Technology-Driven Academic Libraries for the 21st Century" and Dr. Rabinovich's topic was "Let's Take the 'Distance' out of Distance Learning". Congratulations!
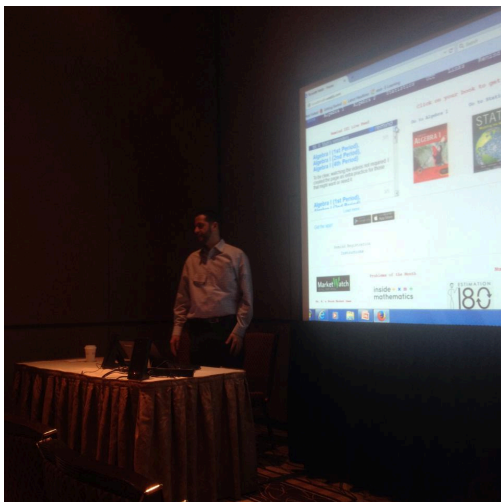
Girls in STEM Symposium

On March 25th students from the Educational Technology Leadership Doctoral Program participated in the "Girls in Technology Symposium" at Hudson County

Community College. This symposium provided information about careers and opportunities in STEM fields to over 200 female students.

Dr. Laura B. Zieger demonstrated Robotics and Engineering for Girls, with the help of Mr. Giulio Dininno, the department's Professional Service Specialist.   NJCU doctoral candidates participated in the symposium. They were: Martha Osei-Yaw (Girls in Technology Planning Committee member and Coding Workshop Leader), Deborah Nagler (The Internet of Things Workshop Leader), Ericka Collado, Angelica Jimenez-Safanova, James Markey, Gihan Mohamad, Jennifer Serviss and Sonaliz Morel (Girls in Technology Planning Committee member, panelist and "Woman in Technology" awardee).

Society for Instructional Technology in Teacher Education (SITE) Conference

Drs. Carnahan, Rabinovich, Zieger, and Shamburg presented at the SITE Conference is Las Vegas in early March. Dr. Carnahan presented "Effective K-12 Online Course Design & Technology". Drs. Zieger and Rabinovich presented "Instructional Design in Teacher Education: Enhancing Engagement" and Dr. Shamburg presented "E-textiles and Wearables: Incubating Powerful Ideas with Teachers".

Alumni Spotlight: Tina Bacolas--Educator and Entrepreneur

Tina Bacolas is a teacher, supervisor, innovator, entrepreneur, and alumnus of the MA in Educational Technology.

After 6 years in the classroom teaching high school sciences, Tina Bacolas completed her Master's Degree in Educational Technology and delved into her true passion, professional development. She went from Technology Coach to her current position of Instructional Technology Supervisor at Park Ridge Jr./Sr. High School.

Tina also established a business that specializes in selling quick-release window treatments for classroom doors in schools--the Hideaway Helper--and sells it through her company School Safety Solutions. She developed this product as a solution in her classroom, patented it, and now oversees the manufacturing and sales.

School Safety Solution's mission includes the improvement of lockdown drills procedures for better preparedness. To date, the Hideaway Helper safety shade hangs in over 700 schools and colleges in 47 states. As a Virginia Tech alumnus who was present at the 2007 massacre, school safety is a priority to Ms. Bacolas and one of her passions.

NJCU Hosted NJEDge Best Practices

On March 13th NJCU hosted the NJEDge Best Practices Showcase. There were over 150 participants from across the state, with over 30 Breakout Sessions and 25 Poster Sessions, making this the largest and most dynamic Best Practices Showcase in the event's 16-year history. Representing NJCU Ed Tech were four faculty members, thirteen currents students, and three alumni. Globally-recognized expert Etienne Wenger-Trayner gave the keynote speech, "Learning in Landscapes of Practice."

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Are you an Ed Tech MA graduate who is interested in getting your Associate School Library Certification?

It may only take 12 credits for you to get this additional certification. Contact Dr. Cordelia Twomey, advisor for School Library Media Program,ctwomey@njcu.edu.

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We offer MA in Ed Tech, MA in Ed Tech with School Library Certification, and an Ed.D. in Educational Technology Leadership.

Please note the following dates and remember to register for Summer and Fall courses--Registration has opened on [Gothicnet](#)!

- May 11th--End of Spring Semester
- May 12th--Commencement at the Prudential Center
- May 26th--Summer Session Begins (Tuesday after Memorial Day)
- June 28-July 1--ISTE Conference, Philadelphia
- July 7--Summer II Online Begins
- July 13-17 Ed.D. Summer Institute

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