



OSU and German Village Welcome New Graduate Students!

Welcome New WDE students

Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference

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New graduate students to the Workforce Development and Education section were welcomed to The Ohio State University, with an informative, fun-filled orientation on September 15th. The day began with a walking tour of German Village, organized by Dr. Josh Hawley. German Village is located just blocks from downtown Columbus, and encompasses over 230 acres of historic homes and parks. The guided tour offered a glimpse of how a working

class community developed in the early 19th century, and has been renovated and preserved through rehabilitation efforts by the German Village Society.

The group then reconvened at Pomerene Hall, where they were welcomed by faculty and current students of the WDE program. Group discussions were led by faculty, and information was provided that outlines program guidelines and ex-



Historic German Village

pectations. The orientation concluded with breakout sessions of masters and doctoral students that enabled them to ask questions and express their concerns.



25th Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference

WDE was well represented at the 25th special anniversary edition of the Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference, as several research teams were selected to present their pa-

pers. The conference theme, "Impacting Adult Learners Near and Far", focused on the unique needs of adult learners, and how technology and





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and classroom techniques can be better utilized to effectively respond to these challenges.

Dr. David Stein, Dr. Tonnette Rocco, Sunny Munn, and Gina Ginn were selected to present their paper, "From Social Policies to Retain, Re-train, or Rehire Older Workers"?

Dr. David Stein, Connie Wanstreet, Cheryl Engel, Susan Johnston, Mona Simons, and Lynn Trinko were also selected to present their paper entitled, "From Personal Meaning to Shared Understanding: The Nature of Discussion in a Community of Inquiry." In addition, Dr. David Stein and Ph.D. candidate Connie Wanstreet

presented their paper, "Through the Prism: A Decision Model for Adult Enrollment in Higher Education." Nina Kowalczyk's paper, "Radiology Administrators' Perceptions of the Hospital's Organizational Learning Environment: A Pilot Study" was also selected for presentation.

Achievements

John Black and Bryan Wang, both WDE graduate students, participated in a DACUM for WDE professionals workshop, September 7-8, 2006 and both successfully completed the

and were certified as curriculum developer the SCID-methodolog



"Through learning we re-create ourselves. Through learning we become able to do something we were never able to do."
Peter Senge



Events

Scholarly Luncheon Series

"Research to Practice"

- October 20, 2006, Dr. Joni Barnard
- November 3, 2006, TBD
- December 8, 2006, Dr. Heather I. Janiszewski-Goodin

Upcoming Forums

Topics:

- Developing a Research Agenda
- Transitioning from student to faculty member
- Preparing for General Exams
- Graduate Student Experience
- Conquering the Dissertation
- Career Seeking Process