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# WDE 360°

## *Focus on Excellence!*

**Dr. Ruth E. Dohner**

**College of Education and Human Ecology 2008 Outstanding Teacher Award**

“Each year, Education and Human Ecology students select an instructor as “Outstanding Teacher,” one who has demonstrated an outstanding ability to relate and relay subject matter to students and who takes an active role in challenging and supporting students in their academic development in the classroom and their professional development outside the classroom.” The award was presented May 2, 2008 at the EHE “Celebration of Excellence” program, “Inspiring Innovation in Learning and Living.”

## *Congratulations, WDE Scholars!*

**Ph.D. Graduations**

Dr. David Boulay

Dr. Hyosun Kim

**Ph.D. Candidacy Exam Completions**

Woojae Choi

Sunok Hwang

Bryan Wang

**Ph.D. Dissertation Proposals Accepted**

Julie Novel



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## *Publications by WDE Faculty*

Stein, D. & Wanstreet, C. (2008). Chats and shared understanding: How instructors can help learners use academic chat rooms. *Distance Learning*, 5(1), 49-54.

Hawley, J.D. (2008). Vocational-technical schooling and occupational matching in Thailand: differences between men and women. *Asia Pacific Journal of Education*, 2 (28), 189-205.

For the volume INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF EDUCATION FOR THE CHANGING WORLD OF WORK: Bridging Academic and Vocational Learning

General Editors: Rupert Maclean and David N. Wilson

Associate Editor: Chris Chinien

Publisher: Springer (in press)

1. Accountability and State Career Technical Education (CTE) Policy: A Brief Review of Six States of the United States (Joshua D. Hawley and Alexandra de Montrichard)
2. Joshua D Hawley, Section Editor, National Initiatives for Reengineering Education for the New Economy
3. Overview: Regional Reviews of TVET (Joshua D. Hawley)
4. The Emergence of 'Workforce Development': Definition, Conceptual Boundaries and Implications (Ronald L. Jacobs and Joshua D. Hawley)
5. Distance Education: The State of the Art in Career and Technical Education (Christopher J. Zirkle)

[http://www.unevoc.unesco.org/2.0.html?&tx\\_drwiki\\_pi1%5Bkeyword%5D=%20UNEVOC%20International%20Handbook%20on%20TVET](http://www.unevoc.unesco.org/2.0.html?&tx_drwiki_pi1%5Bkeyword%5D=%20UNEVOC%20International%20Handbook%20on%20TVET)

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## Meet Dr. Yi-Chun Lin, WDE Alumna, Class of 2006



- I am an assistant professor, Department of Business Administration, Feng Chia University, Taiwan.
- I teach undergraduate and graduate courses in HRD/HRM, organization behavior, organization theory, and fundamental management.
- I am a program director of the Bachelor of International Business Administration (English) program.
- I am qualified as a consultant and auditor of TTQS (Taiwan TrainQuali System), and am responsible to assist Taiwan SMEs to establish their training system and improve their training quality.
- I was married in January 2008, and expecting my first child.
- My dissertation will be published: Lin, Y.C. & Jacobs, R.L. (2008). The perceptions of human resource development professionals in Taiwan regarding their working relationships with subject matter experts (SMEs) during the training design process. *Human Resource Development International*, 11(3), 237-252.
- “I enjoy doing consulting because it lets me apply the academic research I did at OSU to practice. I have more chances to realize what the current barriers are about training Taiwan SMEs. Through TTQS, I am very happy to see that the Taiwan government pays attention to training quality as well as the importance of human capital.”
- “Motherhood will be a different life. I hope I can handle my baby and continue to develop my career plan. I know it will be a challenge to handle both family and career at the same time.”
- “Thanks for remembering me as one of the WDE family. I am pleased to share what is going on in my life.”



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## *WDE Events*

The **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Conference** will be held June 4, 2008, 4 – 7:30 p.m., at the PAES Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Ten WDE graduate students will present their research. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Bill LaFayette, VP – Economic Analysis, the Columbus Chamber, whose topic will be “A New Day in Ohio Workforce Development.” address the group, followed by dinner and awards. R.S.V.P. by May 30, 2008 to Charles Saunders at [saunders.207@osu.edu](mailto:saunders.207@osu.edu).

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**WDE Open Houses** were held May 9 and 16, 2008 to promote WDE graduate programs to working professionals and students who may be interested in pursuing advanced studies in Human Resources Development and Adult Learning.

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The 2007 – 2008 series of **WDE Scholars (“brown bag”) Luncheons** concluded May 9, 2008. This year’s presenters included Dr. Dawn Snyder, Ms. Susan Johnston, Dr. Connie Wanstreet, Dr. Antje Barabasch, Dr. Ron Jacobs, Ms. Kate Dillingham, and Dr. Robert Griffiths. We express our sincere appreciation to all of our presenters, and to the students and faculty members who attended and supported the Scholars Luncheon program throughout this year. Watch your e-mail for important information about future WDE Scholars Luncheon plans.

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WDE will host the second annual **Distance Education Conference** next Autumn 2008. This is a follow-up to our successful first DE Conference in October 2007. Watch your e-mail and WDE 360 for future announcements and registration details.