

Beloit College Department of Education and Youth Studies

Jingjing Lou joins the Education & Youth Studies Faculty

Jingjing Lou officially joined the faculty of the Beloit College Education and Youth Studies Department this past fall. Originally from Ningbo, China, Lou comes to us from Indiana University where she had been working on her Ph.D., and is currently finishing her dissertation. "My dissertation is about middle school students in rural China, and how they perceive their schooling and surroundings at home and in the society. It is interesting to learn how youth in different cultures share with each other many similar concerns and

frustrations." Lou learned of Beloit College through a colleague who graduated here in 1969.

As Jingjing Lou is finishing teaching her first year with the department she has this observation: "I have encountered some bright and motivated students in and outside of my classes, who are never afraid of challenges. Working with such a group of students is simply a pleasure."

Instructor Lou has been working with not only teacher preparation courses,

but also interdisciplinary and international education. Her courses include those cross-listed with the Gender Studies and Asian Studies programs. Jingjing is grateful for Beloit College's commitment to interdisciplinary and international education. She is eager to draw candidates both from students majoring in EDYS, and those from other departments across campus.

Jingjing Lou has been able to keep working on her

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Gloria Alter Taking Leave of the EDYS Department



Gloria Alter, Visiting Associate Professor, will be leaving the college at the end of spring semester. Alter received a B.A. degree in elementary education from Valparaiso University, and a M.A. in education from the University of Denver, a M.Div. in theology from the Fuller Theological Seminary, and an

Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. She was a postdoctoral visiting scholar at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, and joined the Beloit College EDYS Department in 2005. She has served as a Duffy program faculty advisor with numerous students. For the past two years Gloria has held the reins for the department's Advisory Partnership Board. This group, comprised of EDYS and other faculty, and representatives from local schools, has forged connections between the college and larger Beloit community. Semi-annual meetings keep ideas flowing.

Open house sessions were held this February by the advisory board for local educators spotlighting what resources the Beloit College campus has to offer. Hosts on campus included the Wright Museum of Art, Logan Anthropology Museum, History Department, and the Center for the Sciences.

Alter's publications include textbooks and articles. She has had the honor of presenting at several conferences. "I had the pleasure of giving two state level presentations at the Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies annual conferences with students Nick

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Save the Dates:

Commencement '09

May 17, 2009

11:00 a.m.

Speaker: Wisconsin Governor James Doyle

Homecoming '09

October 2 through

October 4, 2009

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Alumnus Timothy Mazur Honored in February



- Timothy Mazur

1977 Beloit College Alum
2004 Teacher Certification

Timothy Mazur graduated from Beloit College in 1977 with a BS in Biology. After working as legislative director for the ACLUs of Michigan, Vermont and Wisconsin, he returned to Beloit in 2000 and completed his student teaching with the EDYS Department in 2004 for certification in Broadfield Social Studies and Political Science. Mazur received the VonEschen-Steele award, which recognizes future teachers with excellent potential, in 2004. He went on to Concordia University, where in 2006 Mazur received certification in Alternative Education. He is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Education-Counseling at Concordia.

Timothy Mazur currently serves as an alternative educator at River Valley High School in Spring Green, Wisconsin, where he received the Richland Center, WI Walmart 2008 Teacher of the Year. Mazur taught at the Malcolm Shabazz City High School in Madison, WI and worked in Home Bound Teaching for the Madison Metropolitan School District before starting his position at River Valley.

Mr. Mazur was the Education & Youth Studies Department's guest for the day February 12th for the Excellence in Teaching Symposium. He began his day with Sonja Darlington's EDYS 102, Alternative Education Perspectives, class. He then visited with

Jingjing Lou's Constructing Difference, EDYS 204, class. Here Mazur answered questions for eager students before having lunch with EDYS faculty, staff and students. A tour of the new Center for the Sciences building rounded out the afternoon.

Mazur began the evening as a guest of honor at the symposium reception, along with the evening's speaker. A dinner and lively conversation with invited faculty and students was featured before Professor Kazamias took the stage for the symposium presentation.

The EDYS Department congratulates Timothy Mazur for his Teacher of the Year honor, and was glad he could spend the day talking with students.

Education and The Liberal Arts at the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Symposium



Professor Andreas Kazamias stressed that teaching should nourish the soul, along with feeding the mind

An afternoon reception in the Morse-Ingersoll Fireside Lounge let students and faculty have informal interactions with both Timothy Mazur, and the featured speaker Professor Andreas Kazamias. The dinner between the reception and talk gave everyone present a hint of the animated and passionate presentation to come next. Professor Kazamias presented to a full house at Richardson Auditorium based on his paper, "Agememnon contra Prometheus: Globalization, Knowledge/Learning Societies, and Paideia in the New Cosmopolis." *Paideia*, Greek for "education," means much more than learning rote facts; it includes a knowledge of culture. Through example of Greek mythology Professor Kazamias argued for providing education that

grows both mind and soul. Education, Kazamias argued, is moving to the technical, pragmatic and practical. He talked of the sacrifices of globalization in general society, and how this applies to the "de-professionalization and de-skilling" of the teacher." Kazamias argued that teacher assessment has shifted away from how well students are developed intellectually and morally, to how well students are prepared for standardized tests. Kazamias argued that teachers should be forming souls. His suggestion is to reinvent a new humanistic style of education that cultivates different forms of knowledge. Some issues that need to be addressed in this *Paideia* include character, community, security, inclusiveness, integrity, collective memory, sympathy, and democracy.

Kazamias ended the presentation with two different images to relay the same point. The first image was a picture of Socrates' execution, showing that he would not give up his philosophy, even at the expense of his life. The other image was an advertisement for Johnnie Walker whiskey in which an android yearns to be human. He implored the audience to remember that humans are the future. "I am immortal because I exist. You achieve immortality by doing one great thing. Keep walking." Kazamias urged all present to keep walking the revived humanistic education path.

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research while working with the EDYS Department. "My research expertise is in international and comparative education studies. I have been doing studies on higher education to reforms in transition countries such as China and Russia for a couple years. At the current stage, my research focuses on international development education. I have published a few articles about rural education in China. I just recently received a research fellowship from OYCF/1990 Institute and will go back to China this summer for some fieldwork. In future years, I hope to apply for a grant and

take a few of my students on a research trip or study trip in China. Another interesting project that I have participated in is on peace education and photovoice methodology, the use of pictures taken by children and youth as a means to understand their life and identity. I plan to further my research on this topic in the near future and hope get some of my interested students involved."

Jingjing Lou sums up the students and faculty in the Education & Youth Studies Department eloquently: "[The] students we have at EDYS are all passionate ones who would like to make a

change in people's lives. I am so glad to see them actively involved in many social service projects, many of them in the Beloit schools and nearby. In China, teachers are often times referred to as 'engineers of souls'. I think it is a great metaphor. It speaks [to] the importance of an education career, as well as the high standards that the career has to hold to. Our EDYS graduates are not only going to teach students how to spell and how to count. They will also help shape their students' souls, literally. This is a great project [and] I'm proud to be part of it."



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~Jingjing Lou

Alumni News

Nicole Ansara-Henderson '99

In 2001 Nicole married Marc Henderson (class of 1999). Their daughter Adalia was born in June of 2006. From 1999 to present Nicole has been teaching ESL in the elementary level in Portland (Oregon) Public Schools. She is currently obtaining a reading endorsement and Masters Degree from George Fox University.

Ryan Culloty '00

Ryan has been married three years this June to Lori, an ER nurse at Providence Hospital outside of Detroit (Michigan). In October 2008 Ryan and Lori welcomed their son Gavin. "He is a wonderful and happy little boy." Ryan has recently accepted a position at Holly High School where he teaches social studies and is the head varsity football coach. "It is a wonderful teaching environment. The kids are great, the staff is supportive and the administration is continually transforming our curriculum towards the latest in effective teaching and

communication techniques. Come visit us at www.holly.hhs.schoolfashion.us" Ryan has been an active clinic speaker for the past three years. "Being asked to speak before your peers is truly an honor." He has also achieved recognition for his coaching skills, being named the 2006 Michigan High School Football Coach of the Year, and MAC conference coach of the year from 2005-2007.

In 2003 Ryan received his Masters Degree in Education from Marygrove College in Detroit. He has recently gone back to Madonna University to continue his graduate work. Ryan has this to say about his time at Beloit College: "I can honestly say that my Beloit background set an extremely solid foundation for my educational career. I am forever grateful for the opportunities and lessons that were provided for me while I was in the Beloit Educational Program. To my former professors --- Thank you."

Erica Buchberger '01

Erica has been accepted at Oxford University in the United Kingdom. In the fall of 2008 she began work toward her Masters and Doctorate Degrees in Medieval History.

Nick Weisheipl '02

Nick was named the Head Baseball Coach at Notre Dame College (NAIA) in Cleveland, Ohio in the fall of 2008. In the November 2008 issue of *The Talon*, the NDC Falcon's team newsletter, players fondly referred to Nick as "Coach W."

Nancy Wellington '02

A long-time substitute teaching position for Nancy became permanent for her. She has gone back to school at UW-RF, and has completed a minor in Spanish. Nancy now teaches Spanish at Elmwood High School in Wisconsin.

Jason Davis and Leslie Stellwagon '04

Jason and Leslie are at the Renaissance College in Hong Kong. Here are Jason's thoughts on the experience:

"It's an international IBO school with the Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma programs. I have been a part of the certification process, which has been loads of work. It turned out that we are the youngest school to certify in all three programs in the world. Because it is a new school, my first year of teaching was extremely more difficult than I ever imagined the dreaded first year to be. We began the new school year almost a month ago now. This year I took on the roles of English Year 8 coordinator, House Director, basketball coach, and publications leader. Sounds like a full schedule without teaching added in, but this school is packed with ambition. The principal, Peter Kenny, is the founder of Schools to Schools, this school, and an all around amazing guy. This year we added a Bowdoine graduate to our English staff. She did her

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student teaching at an international school with an IB program. That opportunity is amazing in to the international teaching circle. It's something I'd like to recommend to you guys. While many IB (International Baccalaureate) schools cater to the children of successful businessmen and diplomats, I can't help but to believe in the founding principles of the system; not only in educational philosophy, but also in the dedication of oneself to a more global understanding and cause. And while I can't speak for other schools, this one walks the walk.

Leslie and I are not huge fans of the Hong Kong lifestyle, but we're enjoying the stay and loving the travel. It is likely that next year we will come back to the States for a while before heading out again. I'll, obviously, be looking for an IB school to replace this one I wish I could take [it] with me. Leslie might continue on to graduate school. We have too many trips to plan before it's time to plan the move after this."

Matthew Dickert '04

Matthew was accepted at George Mason - the School of Public Policy in February 2009. His studies include International Commerce and Policy.

Desiree McCallips '04

Desi McCallips is in her fourth year at Durand Elementary School. She is currently teaching second grade and enjoying this age group of children who still give hugs to their teacher! Desi and her husband have three children, a son and two daughters. Her family is her greatest joy, and she finds it a wonderful

privilege to be able to teach in the same school that her children attend.

Ashley McManus '04

Ashley began her second year of teaching in El Salvador this past fall. She remarks that the children are noisy and speak "a whole lot of Spanish," and that she is enjoying it. "I am teaching the 1st grade which is a nice jump from kindergarten last year. It is amazing what a year makes. The other staff are mostly Salvadorian but the school still follows the English National Curriculum." Ashley loves teaching, despite the days she feels like pulling out her hair.

Ashley writes the following observations about life in El Salvador: "El Salvador is great-tons of volcanoes, beaches and history. The people are really friendly and it is interesting to learn how much the people have gone through in the last few decades. It makes them really appreciate freedom and it shows." She writes about the apprehension around election time, as uprisings can occur depending on the election outcome. Ashley plans to marry this summer in Mexico.

Katherine West '05

Katherine is excited about her new position at Discovery Museum in Sausalito, California. This is a place for children up to 8 years of age to explore art and science.

Maria Laine '06

Maria is glad that she worked on her portfolio before applying to teach. While she did not actually use the portfolio on her applications, Maria feels by thinking everything through thoroughly on her portfolio it made her more ready to answer questions at her interviews. By working on her portfolio Maria

is better prepared, and feels that interview questions that may have thrown her for a loop did not.

Adam Neiffer '06

"My teaching career has taken some interesting turns in the past couple of years. In the summer, I am still working as a wildland firefighter. Last winter, I was a full time substitute for Vancouver School District in the state of Washington. Now I am splitting my time between subbing and teaching classes at a local fitness gym in Portland, which I really enjoy. My younger brother recently entered the Peace Corps and is in Zambia, so I am hoping to make a trip out there and swing through South Africa and LEAP if I can sometime in the next two years."

Rachel Ryan '06

Rachel is currently teaching 7th/8th grade language arts (and soon to be high school journalism) in New Glarus, Wisconsin. She is also coaching middle school forensics and volleyball.

Katie Algrem '07

Katie is teaching 8th grade math and science at Turner Middle School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Erinn Brooks '07

Erinn has accepted a position with Teach for America in Los Angeles, California.

Seth Feldner '07

Seth is teaching 6th grade social studies and science at Aldrich Middle School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Matthew Fieck '07

Matthew Fieck is teaching at St. John's School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Stephanie Gieraltowski '07

Stephanie is teaching freshman and sophomore English at Hononegah High School in Rockton, Illinois. She is also coaching track for Hononegah.

Paul Grazia '07

Paul has been deciding between several graduate school programs in the Northeast. He has been taking courses at University of Southern Maine. Paul continues his work with teenagers with development disabilities, and has also begun working with senior citizens with developmental disabilities in addition. Paul completed a special project working with the homeless population of Portland, Maine.

Stephen Jacobson '07

Stephen is teaching 7th grade social studies at McNeel Middle School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Dan Marsh '07

Dan is teaching biology and AP biology at Turner High School in Beloit, Wisconsin. He is also coaching track for Beloit College, and football for Turner High School.

Sarah Raetzler '07

Sarah has been accepted into the University of Michigan Library and Information Services graduate program. This is one of the premier programs in the country.

Katelyn Rynders '07

Katelyn is an ES Title 1 Reading teacher at Gaston Elementary School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Danielle Stevens '07

Danielle is teaching Spanish at Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Carl Stoltz '07

Carl is teaching physics at Turner High School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Alli Thomson '07

Alli is teaching ES 1st grade at Todd Elementary School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Chelsey Tubbs '07

Chelsey is still with Teach for America in New York City. She continues her work as a kindergarten teacher at the Promise Academy II, which is affiliated with the Harlem Children's Zone. Chelsey is particularly excited about President Obama's election, as he has backed her school, and would like to use it as an educational model for the nation. Chelsey coaches 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades in both basketball and softball, and has them all interested in attending Beloit College after graduation. This summer Chelsey will graduate from Pace University with her Masters in Teaching (Early Childhood Education). After her Teach for America commitment lapses at the end of this school year, Chelsey is considering staying an additional year in New York State to gain her professional certification to teach there.

She is also planning on pursuing either a second Masters degree in learning and behavior disorders in special education, or a Ph.D. in urban education. Chelsey feels Teach for America was her best move after Beloit College, as it cemented her career in urban education.

Lacy Vance '07

Lacy is substitute teaching in the Beloit and Janesville (Wisconsin) school districts. She has accepted a position as a 6th grade English summer school teacher at Franklin Middle School in Janesville.

Change of EDYS Roles

Professor Sonja Darlington will at last be able to keep up with her research on Ethiopia and Sudan's cultural and educational development, after serving four years as the department chair. Professor Bill New will finally be able to go on sabbatical as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Constantine in Nitra, Slovakia, without having to worry about student licensing, after being the Licensing Officer for four years. In fall 2009 Kathy Greene will be assuming both responsibilities. EDYS follows the general college policy, to rotate chairs every three years or so. The licensing officer is an additional role for EDYS. Good luck on the new leadership to Kathy Greene and thanks to Sonja and Bill for their contributions during the past four years.

Excellence in Teaching continued...

Professor Andreas Kazamias' area of concentration in the Department of Education at the University of Wisconsin is Comparative Education. His main interests are in historical and comparative studies of the role of education in national development and modernization, politics and ideology in education, and educational reform and cultures. He teaches in comparative education, theory and method in comparative education, education and the state, the politics of educational reform and education in the new Europe. In his current research he is examining the various national trajectories of the enlightenment/modernity project in European *Paideia* and education. Kazamias is the author of more than a dozen volumes in comparative education, Emeritus Professor of Educational Policy Studies at UW-Madison, Emeritus Professor of Comparative Education at the University of Athens, former editor of the Harvard Educational Review and Comparative Education Review, and co-founder of the Comparative and International Education Society. He was born and raised in colonial Cyprus, educated at the University of Bristol (UK), Kansas State, and earned his doctorate at Harvard.

Keep us updated

If you did not find yourself in the alumni updates we need to hear from you. Please keep us updated on achievements in your educational, professional and family life. Also, please let the EDYS office know when your address changes. Provide your email if you would prefer electronic notices of events, or even your annual newsletter emailed to you.

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Staying (or getting) Connected!

Want to stay connected to the campus and to the Department of Education & Youth Studies? Here are some opportunities.

Come see us this fall at Homecoming. Check the website and your mail closer to October for details.

Next we want to let you know

that you can sign up for Beloit College "email for life" at <http://alum.beloit.edu/atalumni/alumniuniform> which is available at any time for any grad.

And finally, we would like to know if there is any interest in building an "education network" in the newly launched "My Beloit" an exclusive and secure online community. "My

Beloit" allows alumni to "build their network" by searching for and inviting fellow alumni to join. Customized groups and forums allow alumni to discuss issues, ask and offer advice, find a sublet, or post a job exclusively to fellow alumni. Other features include messaging, blogging and unlimited photo sharing. If interested, contact Lena Verkuilen

at verkuile@beloit.edu or if you are already a "My Beloit" member ask her to add you as a friend.



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Stuber and Mallory Saurer (former student). Each of them were also research assistants on the projects we presented. Mallory presented with me this March 2009 in Middleton." Gloria Alter was invited as an editor of *Social Studies and the Young Learner* to publish an article in its anniversary edition. "This gave me an opportunity to state the importance of social education's commitment to nurture rather than to torture. The concept extends to our international roles in society as well as to bullying in the schools." [See: Alter, G. (2008). Reflecting on our work: Teaching socially responsible social studies. *Social Studies and the Young Learner*, 21(1), 5]. She will also be publishing an article relating to the events in Milwaukee, "where the district refused to adopt standard elementary social studies textbooks because of their failure to teach

honestly about the world." [Alter, G. (in press, 2009). *Challenging the textbook. Educational Leadership*, 66(8).]

Gloria Alter has worked extensively with several of the methods classes in the EDYS department. These classes help students get a feel for preparing and executing productive lessons for their future pupils. It is here that she has influenced many graduates of the EDYS program. Caitlin O'Leary, class of 2011, will remember Gloria's readiness to take on challenges with a smile on her face. Caitlin names Alter as a key faculty member in preparing her to be an educator. She has this to say about Gloria Alter's EDYS 282, Encountering Social and Historical Worlds, class: "What made this class so worthwhile was that she had the ability to speak passionately about global education and teaching social justice to children of all ages,

and pass that interest on to me." Alicia Gramling, class of 2009, describes many positive experiences with Professor Alter. Gramling had Alter as a methods instructor and Duffy advisor, and found Alter to be supportive force in both her academic and personal life. "I remember just feeling so relieved that I had a professor who saw social justice education as the overarching theme that can incorporate all disciplines. It was through connections with Gloria that I attended the International Social Studies Conference on Global Education in Middleton, WI and heard her speak." The EDYS Department wishes Gloria Alter all the best in her future endeavors. Caitlin O'Leary offers these words: "Continue to inspire all those who you cross paths with! Your love for what you do has deepened my devotion to teaching."

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EDYS News

At the 33rd Annual Student Symposium six individuals presented: Laura Bayle, Lia Bengtson, Alicia Gramling, Emily Maroney, Elizabeth McClaren, and Mary Schindler. Professor Kathy Greene has been on sabbatical this spring. She is completing research at various liberal arts institutions. At this time, we know of fourteen students who are graduating in spring with an EDYS major. Twelve students will be student teaching this fall. This past fall ten students successfully completed student teaching.

Thank you & keep your donations coming to Beloit College and the EDYS department.

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