

AN ENGLISH PROFESSOR WROTE THE WORDS, "WOMAN WITHOUT HER MAN IS NOTHING" ON THE BLACKBOARD AND DIRECTED HIS STUDENTS TO PUNCTUATE IT CORRECTLY.

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Go! ESLers

See you once again our dear readers. The past month could be called an "intellectual month" for our ESLers. We had a Speaker Series lecture and SLS/ESL Symposium, and many ESLers attended conferences outside Purdue. Some ESLers also successfully passed their important stages of their study.

This month might be called a 'catching-up month' for us to try to really work on our papers and presentations before the semester ends. Well, it's time to relax and catch up with what's going on in our program. Let's start with our Go! ESLers.

Kyle McIntosh is a native Hoosier who has also lived in Florida, Oregon, Spain, Germany, Korea, and China. As a child, he dreamed of becoming an astronaut, a cartoonist, and a professional skateboarder. Later, he settled for a career in photojournalism and videography, and worked on a number of a cable TV shows. Following an impulsive decision to leave everything be-

hind and teach English on Jeju Island, South Korea, Kyle found himself on a new career path. He returned to the US and received his MA TESOL from IUPUI before taking a job at Shantou University in Guangdong, China. There, he met his future wife, Chun Zheng, and four years later witnessed the birth of their son, Kieran. Today, he is a PhD candidate working on a dissertation about Chinese ELT professionals writing for publication in international applied linguistics journals. In his spare time, he enjoys eating spicy food, watching horror movies, and playing with Thomas the Tank Engine.

Lixia Cheng is a PhD student in the Second Language Studies program at Purdue University. She received her MA in linguistics from Shanghai International Studies University, China. Her current research interests include language testing, second language writing, and pragmatics. Lixia is also interested in applied statistics and SAS programming. She is expecting to get a graduate certificate in applied statistics from Purdue's Statistics De-

partment this May. Lixia has worked as a testing coordinator in the Oral English Proficiency Program and taught undergraduate courses including "Elements of Linguistics" and "First-year Composition for International Students". In her spare time, Lixia plays with her son, Ethan, or shops in her favorite Tippecanoe Mall.

Crissy McMartin-Miller is a fourth-year PhD candidate in Second Language Studies. Before coming to Purdue, she earned BA and MA degrees in linguistics from the University of Iowa. She has also been teaching ESL at the post-secondary level since 2001, including three years at Texas A&M International University. Crissy's academic interests include error treatment and assessment in second language writing. Her non-academic interests include traveling, cooking, home improvement projects, and corn dogs (see photo). She is wife to Chris and mother to Kyujin Oliver, two years old and human, and Sylvie, five years old and canine.

Highlights

- ◆ Bios of 3 PhD students
- ◆ Congratulations to ESLers
- ◆ Pictures from SLS/ESL Symposium
- ◆ An invitation from PUTSA to Thai Night

Kyle McIntosh



Lixia Cheng & Ethan



Crissy McMartin Miller & Kyujin



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Go! Congratulations

This month please join us in congratulating on successes both in studies and teaching of 3 ESLers: Elena Lawrick, Yu-Ching Annie Ou, and Masakazu Mishima.

Elena Lawrick defended her dissertation “English in Russian Academe: Uses and Perceived Significance” on April 7. We will have a new PhD graduate soon. Annie Ou passed her preliminary exams she took during Spring Break after joining ESL Program for 4 semesters. In teaching, Masakazu Mishima will be receiving Teaching Excellence Award from the university this month. His evaluation results of his ENG 106i Fall 2010 ranked in the top ten percent. Now we know who to ask about English 106i.

Go! Announcements

Prof. Dwight Atkinson will give talks at the Symposium on Second Language Writing (Taipei, Taiwan) Carnegie-Mellon University (Pittsburgh PA), and Chiba University and Tokyo International University (both in Japan) this summer. A volume he edited entitled *Alternative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition*, has just been published.

Prof. April Ginther received a 125,000 dollar grant from Educational Testing Services (ETS) for a research on TOEFL iBT.

Go! Past Events

Prof Tony Silva, Veronica Jayne, Carolina Pelaez-Morales, and Crissy McMartin Miller presented in TESOL 45th Annual Convention in New Orleans held during March 16-19. The title of their talk was "Scholarship in L2 writing in 2010: A year in review."

On Thursday March 31, Prof. John Bitchener from AUT University, Auckland gave a lecture on “Conditions determining the effectiveness of CF for SLA” to 17 participants. The lecture was based on Prof. Bitchener’s studies on corrective feedback..

ESLers and interested participants joined SLS/ESL Symposium 2011 on April 2. This year 5 ESLers were among the presenters. This Symposium could not have

been successful without our three organizers: Crissy McMartin Miller, Carolina Pelaez-Morales, and MeiHung Lin. Please find photos of the event overleaf. Oops, we did not intend to interrupt our presenters by taking those photos.



Prof. Bitchner is giving a lecture on corrective feedback in an ESL Speaker Series.

Australia.

She will be needing graduate students to assist her with the research next year.

If you are interested in language testing. This conference might be for you. English Language Institute, The University of Michigan will hold 33rd Language Testing Research Colloquium (LTRC) during June 23-25, 2011. The registration is open now.



Stepping out of academia, our last announcement is from Purdue University Thai Student Association (PUTSA). Thai Night 2011 will take place on April 16 at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please see the flyer on the right. That night will be packed with authentic Thai food and shows. Our editor will be one of the cooks of Thai Basil Chicken. Yummy! For more information, type Thai Night

2011 on your Facebook search.

We would like to close this issue of our newsletter with a quote from Sandra Lee McKay, the awarded author of Teaching English as an International Language (2002): “Whereas all varieties of English are linguistically equal, they are not considered to be socially equal.” While ESLers like us work hard to promote EIL, we might need

make the change gradual and compromising. Happy teaching everyone.



Veronica Jayne, Mengxi Lin (Linguistics Department), Matthew Allen and Mira Bekar are presenting at SLS/ESL Symposium 2011.