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## Message from the Chair – Diane Giannola September 2006

Greetings from the chair! I wish it were the throne, but I'll have to settle for the chair! Even from our different parts of the country, there is an excitement stirring as the next annual TED conference soon begins in San Diego. I've had many contacts from TED and SSEPC members and our own conference chair – Stu Schwartz!

**Right now, all of our SSEPC meetings have been scheduled, so please put them on your calendars since San Diego will be busy for everyone. Please check the specific dates, times and locations on page 2!**

Since our organization goals include visibility and collaboration, I encourage everyone to wear the new buttons we will distribute at TED registration and attend as many meetings, events and presentations as possible. Please seek out possible new SSEPC members and invite them to our events and meetings! While SSEPC may represent Small Programs, that is the only *small* thing about us! We're large in numbers, large in contributions: to our field, our students, and our colleagues, and most of all large in heart! SSEPC truly gives you the support and camaraderie of a small town when you are in the big city. At this time, SSEPC members are TED board members, committee chairs, and other caucus chairs. We have worked collaboratively on organizational and scholarly tasks with one another and other TED members, and our expertise and support is sought after by many!

In addition, SSEPC is continuing to seek and provide research and publishing opportunities for our members! To that end, I have invited Lee Sherry, TED Publications Committee Chair, to attend our general business meeting. At this time, Lee does not know if he will attend TED, but says he will certainly accept the invitation, if he is in San Diego.

I hope all of you have had an interesting and restful vacation and are now settled comfortably back to work for the Fall semester. I know Stu is as jovial as ever, making 24 hour planning look like a birthday party, and Glenn has conveniently found the opportunity to extend his summer on the shores of St Lucia (working – so he says! Did I mention how smart our members are!) I hope to see everyone, catch up and share all our news in San Diego!

## Upcoming Conference



TED/TAM Conference • November 8 - 11, 2006

### *California here we come...*

Make your reservations now!  
For details: [www.tedcec.org](http://www.tedcec.org)

#### SSEPC Highlights:

##### WEDNESDAY November 8

7p-11p Ice cream social featuring the music of Glenn Buck

##### THURSDAY November 9

2-4PM - SSEPC Board Meeting  
Parlor

##### FRIDAY November 10

8AM to 12PM- Silent Auction  
Fountain Café Hall

2-4PM - SSEPC General Meeting  
Grand Ballroom V

4-5PM – SSEPC reception – Dil Award  
Grand Ballroom V

*Please join us!*

Complete TED/TAM Conference Schedule:

[http://www.tedcec.org/tedweb.asp?FileName=pdf/sandiego/conference\\_schedule](http://www.tedcec.org/tedweb.asp?FileName=pdf/sandiego/conference_schedule)

## Don't miss all these exciting conference events!

Casual Friday  
Come To the Cabaret  
Course Sharing  
Diversity Caucus  
Doctoral Student Reception  
Getting Published  
Higher Education Consortium  
Holiday Weekend  
Ice Cream Social  
Keynote Panel  
Membership Meetings  
NCATE Training  
Paraprofessional SIG  
Presidents' Reception  
Professional Program  
Small Programs Caucus  
Special Offsite Events  
Vendors and Recruitment  
Washington Luncheon  
Women in Leadership

## See you in San Diego!

In San Diego we will be wearing buttons to identify and publicize SSEPC, so be sure to pick up your button at registration!

## Conference Updates:

### A few things to help you have a great time in San Diego!

1. All letters regarding program proposals were mailed to senior/first authors and should have been received by now. If you have submitted a proposal and haven't heard yet about your presentation, please contact the senior/first author of your session or our Program Chair, Dr. Joan Sebastian. Joan's email is [jsebasti@nu.edu](mailto:jsebasti@nu.edu).
2. It is the senior/first author's responsibility to return the 'Presenter Information and AV Request Form' and to notify all presenters that their proposal has been accepted.
3. All presenters must register for the conference by September 29th or they will not appear in the program. Senior/first authors received a registration form which may be copied or a registration form may be downloaded from the TED website; [www.tedcec.org](http://www.tedcec.org). The form is in item 4.
4. If you don't want to carry handouts with you while traveling, don't worry; there is a Kinko's store next to the conference hotel. Also, in the same complex, is a Lakeshore Learning Store. They have ordered extra poster boards for those of you who will need those for poster sessions.
5. Be sure to check out the special offsite events that have been organized for you. These are great opportunities to explore San Diego without any trouble or fuss. The events are listed in the conference information at [www.tedcec.org](http://www.tedcec.org), item 11. Be sure to include your choices and fees along with your registration.
6. Please remember that there will not be a 'take one' table at the conference. If you have handouts or flyers that you want distributed please arrange for that in advance. You can also arrange for a private conference room or for a display table. That's all explained in item 14 at [www.tedcec.org](http://www.tedcec.org).
7. The Washington Luncheon, which is a very valuable part of our annual conference, is not included in the registration. Please add that when you register so you don't miss this important update by Jane West.

*Hosted by National University*

#### **Questions about:**

**The Program - Contact Joan Sebastian, [jsebasti@nu.edu](mailto:jsebasti@nu.edu).**

**San Diego - Contact Glee Shaddock, [gshaddoc@nu.edu](mailto:gshaddoc@nu.edu).**

**The Conference or Registration - Contact Stu Schwartz, [sschwartz@nu.edu](mailto:sschwartz@nu.edu).**

*Please join us for the Silent Auction and  
Nasim Dil Award Reception!*

### **SSEPC SILENT AUCTION**

November 10, 8am until noon

The Silent Auction is an annual event sponsored by SSEPC to help with costs for the Nasim Dil Award and the reception. **This year, the SSEPC Silent Auction will be held on Friday, November 10, from 8 until noon.**

All SSEPC members are encouraged to bring an item for the auction.

Remember, most participants in the auction will be traveling by air and have limited space. Good things come in small packages!

### **Nasim Dil Award**

The recipient of the Nasim Dil Service Award will be honored at the SSEPC Reception at the 2006 TED/TAM Conference in San Diego.

### **Celebrating YOU!**

Dr. Laura Bowden Carpenter, SSEPC Associate Chair, announces the publication of a new text entitled "Assistive Technology: Access for All Students". Laura, associate professor at Auburn University Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama co-authored the text with Dr. Linda Johnston, University of Tennessee Chattanooga, and Dr. Lawrence Beard, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama. The text is published by Prentice Hall and is now available for adoption.



### **Teacher-to-Teacher across Borders**

Faculty at Lynchburg College recently established an on-line teacher-to-teacher program. Teachers in the Lynchburg, VA area are paired with teachers in St. Lucia (a country in which the Lynchburg College Special Education Program has been working). Teachers use the online program to engage in some of the following activities:

- share challenges and rewards of their work
- exchange teaching ideas
- ask for advice
- develop opportunities for their students to write to each other (i.e., a pen-pal type program)

To date, 12 teacher pairs have been formed, and many are reporting very positive experiences with the program. Contact Glenn Buck at [buck@lynchburg.edu](mailto:buck@lynchburg.edu) for further information!

## Doctoral Students Wanted

Our field of Special Education is in a crisis with regard to the preparation of new faculty. Hence, we need the help of all of our colleagues to identify and encourage teachers to enter and complete our doctoral programs. Without this effort we will soon be unable to staff special education courses in our colleges and universities. There will be no new faculty to apply for the openings caused by retirement or program expansion. Currently we are only preparing about 50% of the needed faculty for positions in teacher preparation in special education.

How can Caucus members help? We are interested in communicating with members of the Caucus to enlist their assistance in identifying top flight, super effective teachers in their geographical area who might be interested in studying for the PhD in Special Education. In some instances, these might be the very people that you would like to hire after they earn their doctoral degree. Often graduates like to return to their home areas because of family ties, or because of friends, or because it is simply a great place to live. We need your assistance with recruitment. We see this as a win, win situation. The teacher who desires to prepare for a position in higher education wins, and students and the field win because you have recommended a great colleague.

We would like to offer the following as an incentive, open to all Caucus members. For the member who recommends a scholar who applies for and is accepted and attends the Special Education PhD Program at the University of Central Florida, the program will provide the member with payment equal to their basic CEC Convention registration or TED Conference registration the following year.

For information on this excellent deal, please contact our PhD Program Coordinator, Dr. Lisa Dieker, at: 407-823-3885, or email [ldieker@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:ldieker@mail.ucf.edu)  
Several sources of scholar support are available. Important UCF websites and information on one of our federally funded leadership projects is available at:  
<http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~phdlead>

Thanks for your assistance,

Bill Wienke  
[wwienke@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:wwienke@mail.ucf.edu)

## Faculty Opportunities

**National University's Department of Special Education** is seeking individuals for three full-time positions in California and persons to serve as part-time online adjunct faculty. Applicants must have a doctoral degree in special education and K-12 teaching experience.

Full-time persons should contact Lucinda Kramer, [lkramer@nu.edu](mailto:lkramer@nu.edu) and online adjunct persons should contact Stuart Schwartz, [sschwartz@nu.edu](mailto:sschwartz@nu.edu).

### ***About Our Organization...***

The Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC) is an organization devoted to helping support faculty who work in small sized special education programs at colleges and universities. Members also include educators who work in state departments of education, as well as educators who are employed in the private sector. Members of SSEPC collaborate on (a) professional development activities, and (b) research aimed at investigating issues related to working in small programs. Information regarding small programs is disseminated through Caucus activities.

### ***We are on the Web***

*See us at:*

<http://edtech.wku.edu/~ushakil/websites/sspec/index.htm>

***To include information in the newsletter, please contact:***

***Kelly O'Neal***  
[\*\*\*koneal@emporia.edu\*\*\*](mailto:koneal@emporia.edu)

## **Historical Artifacts Needed!**

SSEPC is attempting to archive important events in the history of the organization. For example, if you were a charter member or have held an office please send us that information. If you have any information to contribute to this endeavor, please send to Dr. Brenda Gilliam at [bgilliam@uttyl.edu](mailto:bgilliam@uttyl.edu).

Dr. Nasam Dil and Dr. Gilliam volunteered to work on this over the next few months.



## **Elections**

### **Elections will be held for:**

- ✚ Associate Chair (3 year term - the second year is Chair, third year is Past Chair)
- ✚ Secretary (2 year term)
- ✚ Membership Chair (2 year term).

Elections will be held at the SSEPC meeting in San Diego.

Contact: **Michele Kamens** if you are interested in running:

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[\*\*mkamens@rider.edu\*\*](mailto:mkamens@rider.edu)

### **CEC April 2007**

**The next CEC Annual Convention & Expo will be in Louisville, KY April 18-21, 2007**

<http://www.cec.sped.org>

**More information to come!!!**