# THE IGPE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS



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#### WELCOME BACK, IGPE STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES

We hope you are enjoying a great start to the 2019-2020 academic year!

#### MICHAEL LOVORN, DIRECTOR

Hello, friends and partners around the world. On behalf of all of us here in the IGPE office, I send you warm SUNY greetings from Buffalo, New York!

We trust you all had a pleasant break. Several of you took time to travel, checking a destination or two off your bucket list. Others relocated and are now getting settled in to a new home. Still others enjoyed a relaxing 'stay-cation,' opting instead to get caught up on graduate coursework or conduct research. Whatever your activities, we hope you were able to refresh and are eager to begin the academic year.

In the spirit of scholarly personal and professional growth, We are fortunate to be partnering with you all for another year. IGPE's 2019/2020 initiatives include increasing and enriching our online offerings, refining program policies and handbooks, developing new courses, and growing new partnerships with fine organizations including Search Associates and SpanTran.

We intend to accomplish all this while continuing to provide the most recognized, most affordable master's degree in the market, complete with impeccable service and unparalleled responsiveness.

On that note, Cathy, Nicole, Brandon, and I recognize the power of face-to-face engagement, and thus, have planned a robust conference schedule this year. At least one of us will participate in just about all of the major regional leadership and educator conferences. We invite you to stop by, pick up a free Buffalo State t-shirt, let us know how things are going at your site, and/or inform us of anything we can do to meet your needs.

On behalf of all of us in the IGPE office, I wish you a wonderful school year, and I thank you for partnering with us.

Mike

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#### IGPE IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE

#### AN 'INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION' PROGRAMMATIC THEME

We have been approved to add a programmatic theme of 'International Education' to IGPE degrees upon conferral.

As of August 2019, all IGPE graduates' SUNY Buffalo State transcripts will formally state that they have earned a Master of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies with a program theme in International Education.

Unfortunately, this change is not retroactive; however, Director Lovorn has drafted a form letter for anyone requiring documentation. Please reach out to him if you require such a letter.

#### COLLABORATION WITH SEARCH ASSOCIATES



We are happy to announce a new initiative between IGPE and one of the premier recruiting agencies in international education. Search Associates has been providing quality recruitment and consulting services to aspiring teachers and administrators in for almost 30 years.

IGPE shares Search Associates' dynamic and transitional vision for international education and thus we are excited to announce a slate of newly-tailored online and face-to-face offerings to their 750+ member schools.

Details of the IGPE/Search Associates collaboration are still being drafted, but to date, we are pleased to announce that Search Associates members will be granted a waiver of the SUNY Buffalo State Graduate School application fee, and will be permitted to register for exclusive online course sections even before joining a site-based cohort.

If you are a current or future Search Associates member and would like to learn more about these unique opportunities, please e-mail Advisement Coordinator Nicole Calamunci at calamund@buffalostate.edu.

# MAY 2019 GRADUATES

WE WERE HONORED TO WELCOME TWO IGPE STUDENTS TO THE BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE MAY 2019 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.



#### A BIG THANK YOU TO CATHY BEECROFT

#### FOR COORDINATING OUR STUDENT VISITS

In May 2019, our office invited all students eligible for graduation to attend our commencement ceremony. We were fortunate to have José Estiben Pacheco Díaz and Mariz opportunity to personally meet Jean B. Solano join us from Colombia and the Philippines the weekend of May 17-19.

Throughout their time here they were able to see our campus and explore Buffalo. We enjoyed sharing our home with them. Students had the President Conway-Turner and Dean of the Graduate School Dr. Kevin Miller.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OUR MAY 2020 COMMENCEMENT **CEREMONY?** 

CONTACT CATHY BEECROFT FOR **FURTHER INFORMATION AND ANY OTHER GRADUATION QUESTIONS** 

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#### DR. B. JOYCE STALLWORTH

#### PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Stallworth began teaching for the IGPE in 2016 after retiring from The University of Alabama that same year. Stallworth has 30 years of experience as a high school English teacher, community college instructor, and university professor and administrator. To date, she has taught 18 IGPE online and onsite courses; onsite locations include Kuwait, Brazil, Venezuela, Qatar, Colombia, and Mexico.

Joyce has taught courses in literacy and language education; curriculum, instruction, and assessment; research in teacher education; instructional design; school/community partnership; adult education; and young adult literature.

Her primary research interests are related to leadership development, adult education, diversity and culturally responsive teaching, family/community/school partnerships, and international education.

Stallworth earned her Doctor of Education Degree from Vanderbilt University in 1993. She is active on a number of boards including The Boys and Girls Clubs of West Alabama; Voices for Alabama's Children; and the 7th Project Association with the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL 07).

Joyce is also a Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. In retirement, Stallworth also enjoys writing. Joyce relishes teaching for IGPE because as she explains-

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"THE PROGRAM ENABLES
ME TO CONNECT WITH
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INTERNATIONAL
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PASSIONATE LIFE-LONG
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LEADERS."

# IGPE ADMISSION PROCESS REMINDER

### We are excited to continue our fall 2019 semester!

As a reminder, we have outlined our admissions process to the right. The online application will be available until October 15 for the Fall 2019 semester.

We are excited to offer a third evaluation company option for our students to take advantage of. We are now working with SpanTran, The Evaluation Company and highly recommend them to our students, in addition to our longstanding affiliates Josef Silny and WES Evaluation Services.

Please direct admissions concerns to Nicole Calamunci calamund@buffalostate.edu

# IGPE ADMISSIONS PROCESS Apply online and pay application fee Request official transcripts from all higher education institutions attended Order a degree evaluation if you have completed a bachelor's degree outside of the U.S. from one of the following companies- SpanTran, WES Evaluation, J Silny Submit your English Proficiency Statement including your site coordinator's signature Within three weeks of submitting a complete admissions packet, the SUNY Buffalo State Graduate School will email you an admissions decision. Please note that only complete admissions packets with all

supplemental materials can be reviewed.

# **Helpful Links**

International Graduate Programs
Admissions Instructions
Pre-Major Admission
Supplemental Requirements
Registration
Transcript Request
Degree Candidacy Form
Independent, Online Courses
Degree Works
Transfer Credits
Graduation Information

## Call for News or Announcements

Are you looking to connect with your international school peers around the world? Do let us know! Send your program-related news or announcement (200 words max) to Nicole Calamunci at calamund@buffalostate.edu for publication consideration. Pending her approval, we'll run your blurb in the next issue of the IGPE Bulletin.

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