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THE IGPE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL
GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM IGPE!**

**We hope you enjoyed a wonderful
holiday with family and friends.**

A NOTE FROM

MICHAEL LOVORN, DIRECTOR

Greetings and happy new year from snowy Buffalo, New York! The new year provides a momentous occasion to reflect on our successes and areas for growth, and evokes sentiments of gratitude and optimism. It is in this spirit that I wish each of you a very happy and peaceful 2020.

I know I speak for everyone in the International Graduate Program for Educators office when I express gratitude for all the many dynamic partnerships we have forged and continue to grow in the arena of international schools. We are happy to be a chief provider of continuing education and professional development, and are particularly honored to be partnering with each of you in this context.

Furthermore, we are pleased to help advance our collective mission of promoting global collaboration and celebrating diversity while making the world a better place through education.

IGPE staff are excited about 2020, and are looking forward to enriching our school partnerships. Together, our students, site coordinators, and faculty are remaining adept in the latest research and movements in the field and maintain a shared commitment to effective implementation of these concepts and practices. In doing so, we collaborate in making sustainable contributions to teaching and learning processes. As the year unfolds, IGPE will be quite pleased to share a variety of new program offerings and enhancements, so stay tuned!

In the meantime, we wish great things for each of you. May the new year renew your spirit for teaching and learning. As you well know, your students are the immediate beneficiaries of your renewed spirit.

Warmest regards,
Mike



IGPE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1

Apply online and pay application fee

2

Request official transcripts from all higher education institutions attended

3

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

4

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.

APPLICATION UPDATE

Starting Spring 2020, SUNY Buffalo State will be using a new application system.

The process will remain the same, yet our platform will be different. Please see our updated web page for more information.

Degree Seeking Students-

<https://igpe.buffalostate.edu/degree-seeking-students>

Non-Degree Seeking Students-

<https://igpe.buffalostate.edu/non-degree-seeking-students>

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING COMMENCEMENT?

WE ARE EXCITED TO INVITE YOU TO THE BUFFALO
STATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON MAY 16,
2020. IF YOU ARE GRADUATING IN:
DECEMBER 2019
MAY 2020
AUGUST 2020



SUNY BUFFALO STATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**Saturday, May 16, 2020
5:00 PM**

**Please contact Cathy Beecroft as soon as
possible for information regarding visa
requirement letters and lodging
information**

molendca@buffalostate.edu

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY,
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO APPLY FOR GRADUATION:**

[HTTPS://BUFFALOSTATE.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/IGPE-GRADUATION-APPLICATION](https://buffalostate.wufoo.com/forms/igpe-graduation-application)

GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES

**MAY 2020 - FEBRUARY 1*
AUGUST 2020 - JULY 1**

*FEBRUARY 1 TO BE INCLUDED
IN MAY COMMENCEMENT BOOKLET

PROFESSOR MARILYN A. HAMOT RYAN

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

If it was 1955, you would have seen me digging a deep hole in my backyard sandbox. My storyteller dad enchanted me with tales of a far away, exotic place called China all the way on the other side of the world from New Jersey, USA. My dream of seeing this unfamiliar yet alluring place came true more than 50 years later when I meet a cohort in Shanghai while preparing to teach for SUNY Buffalo State IGPE! Thus began my career of a “meeting of the minds” between hundreds of amazing international educators and me.

With a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education, along with a minor in technology, and 45 post graduate credits, many in Gifted, Talented, and Creative Teaching and Learning, I was ecstatic to begin this new journey. I put to use my 20 years of coordinating and teaching GTC students by designing challenging syllabi that I present via a blend of lecture, tech, small and whole group activities, and by introducing and modeling hands-on strategies that the participants can use immediately in their classroom.

I am a strong proponent of Differentiated Instruction and stress the need to challenge students of ALL abilities with dignified, rigorous tasks. But what I love most about working with all these fine, dedicated, exciting educators is what I learn FROM THEM: cool websites, fun tech games, their culture, favorite foods, sites to see, books they love, and so much more!

I’ve shared ideas with teachers from Dubai to Jordan to Bangladesh, Nairobi to Istanbul to Lima, and at least 20 other countries! What makes my day? When I open up my email and find a HELLO email from a teacher that took one of my courses 7 years ago, and he says: “Still using some tried and true strategies!” Or a gal who writes: I just wanted to tell you, I had a baby girl! We educators are connectors! We connect with our students, our colleagues, our students’ parents/families, and, yes, our own families! I have found these heart/mind connections hinge varying cultures to create a mosaic of ethnic diversity chock full of shared humanity.

In closing, I am so grateful to IGPE for weaving me, country by country, into a Global Citizen!



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SUNY Buffalo State students have the opportunity to order a “Bengal Card” or Buffalo State Student Identification Card. If you would like to order one, please see this link-
<https://library.buffalostate.edu/home/bengalcard#s-lg-box-11705897>



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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