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## Teachers College to host 52nd Annual Comparative and International Education Society Conference, March 17 - 21, 2008

In March 2008, the Department of International and Transcultural Studies at Teachers College will proudly serve as host to the 52nd Annual Meetings of the **Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)**. Scheduled for **March 17 through March 21**, the conference



Henry Levin

is expected to bring over 1,200 educators, researchers, faculty, and students to the TC campus.

The CIES conference is being organized by **Henry Levin**, CIES president-elect and

William H. Kilpatrick Professor of Economics and Education at TC.

Professors **Mun Tsang** and **Fran Vavrus** are co-chairing the Conference Program Committee, and professors **Gita Steiner-Khamsi**, **Lesley Bartlett** and **Monisha Bajaj** are on the Conference Organizing Committee. Doctoral student **Andria Wisler** (CIE) is serving as Conference Planning Coordinator.

Consistent with TC's history of promoting educational equity, the theme of the 2008 conference is devoted to **'Gaining Educational Equity Around the World.'** Sessions will place special emphasis on educational equity within and among regions and countries, focusing on the impact of factors such as gender, race, ethnicity, income, wealth, disability, and urbanization. There will be several receptions for participants, and invited lectures are being arranged.

Recent annual meetings of the CIES were hosted by the University of Maryland (2007), the University of Hawai'i (2006), and Stanford University (2005). However, as Dr. Levin has noted, bringing the CIES Annual Meetings to TC allows the field to return to its origins. Teachers College has the oldest program in comparative education in the country, and early TC faculty - including James Russell, Paul Monroe, Isaac Kandel, and George Bereday - were among the leading founders of the discipline of

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## JOIN US FOR CIE/IED ALUMNI DAY Sunday, MARCH 16, 2008

The programs in Comparative and International Education (CIE) and International Educational Development (IED) extend a warm invitation to all alumni for a special Alumni Day event. Scheduled for **Sunday, March 16, 2008**, CIE/IED Alumni Day will serve as a pre-conference highlight before the start of the 52nd Annual Meetings of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) on Monday, March 17, 2008.

Organized by Professor **Gita Steiner-Khamsi** and doctoral student **Andrew Shiotani** (CIE), Alumni Day will provide an opportunity for alumni, current faculty, and students to re-establish connections with their programs, share their insights into the fields of comparative and international education, and reflect

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## CIE/IED Faculty Elected to Comparative and International Education Society Leadership

In March 2007, at the 51st Annual Meetings of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), Gita Steiner-Khamsi was elected Vice-President of CIES while CIE/IED Program Coordinator Frances Vavrus was elected to a three-year term to the CIES Board of Directors. Gita will succeed current CIES President-Elect Henry Levin once he completes his Presidential term in 2009. This will mark historic consecutive turns by ITS faculty as CIES President.

We extend a big congratulations to Gita and Fran on their election victories!

## Welcome and Congratulations!

### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS IN CIE/IED

The Department of International and Transcultural Studies welcomes **Dr. Regina Cortina** as a new member of the permanent CIE/IED faculty.



Regina Cortina

Dr. Cortina comes to TC from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where for the past three years she was associate professor of education, and before that she was in The Steinhardt School of Education at New York University. A graduate of Stanford University's School of Education and a scholar of national and international repute, Dr. Cortina has conducted research on gender equity and education, schooling of the Mexican immigrant community in New York, and education and public policy in Latin America. Her publications include *Women and Teaching: Global Perspectives on the Feminization of a Profession* (co-edited with Sonsoles San Román) and *Distant Alliances: Promoting Education for Girls and Women in Latin America* (co-edited with Nelly P.

Stromquist). In the 2007-08 academic year, Dr. Cortina teaches courses in Comparative Education and Education Across the Americas, and she advises students on their research projects.

**Reza Arjmand** has joined the CIE/IED faculty on a two-year appointment. He is offering courses on Islam and Education, the Middle East and Education, and Computer-Aided Qualitative Data Analysis. Professor Arjmand is completing his PhD in Comparative and International Education at Stockholm University, Sweden, and has specific research interests in moral education, Islamic education, and education of Muslim communities in Europe, the U.S., and the Middle East.

The Department of International and Transcultural Studies also welcome as 2007-08 visiting professors **Dr. A.B.K. Kasozi**, **Dr. Keiichi Ogawa**, and **Dr. Andrew Okolie**.

### ALUMNI CAREER NEWS

Congratulations to **Fida Adely**, who was recently hired as Hala Salaam and Clovis Maksoud Assistant Professor

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Thousands of students have graduated from Teachers College with degrees in comparative and international education and related fields. In this recurring column globalUpdate spotlights the diverse experiences of our Alumni.

**Beatrice Szekely.** After being awarded an MA in the Teaching of History, **Beatrice Szekely** decided to return after a *wanderjahr* to pursue a PhD in Comparative Education and the History of Education. With **George Bereday** and later **Harold Noah** as her advisers, she received her degree in 1976 after writing a dissertation on "The Establishment of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of the U.S.S.R." She recalls that a course taught by **Harold Noah and Max Eckstein** sparked her interest in comparative education: it was "a field within which I could combine my interests in education, European history, and Russian studies." Conversations with Noah, and long hours at the Russian Institute and at Butler Library (where she met her husband) were particularly memorable experiences.

In 1988, Dr. Szekely joined Cornell University, serving as associate director of Cornell Abroad for 12 years. Her TC experience, which included periods working for different departments taught her much about "getting things done" in academic institutions. She found that she was able to use her experience and her background in quantitative methods

to to advance policy debates and improve academic policy. But it remains that one of the best things about the TC experience was simply joining the conversations around the table: "One thing I loved about TC in the late 60s and early 70s was the cafeteria, where the likes of Maxine Greene were always available...I loved meeting other students over lunch or dinner there, hearing about what someone was teaching and/or studying. That gave great exposure to... professionals at the top of their game."

**Kara VanderKamp** writes similarly about her TC experience. She attended TC from 2003-05, obtaining a masters in IED with a focus in Family and Community Education. Asked to reflect on her TC experience, she writes: "One of the best parts of attending TC was the student body...my professors were excellent, and the material studied was challenging, but the breadth of experience and insight that my colleagues brought to the table was amazing." She continues to look to her colleagues for advice and encouragement. Since graduating, Ms. VanderKamp has been working with the Evangelical Church of Niger in West Africa, helping to develop an education department for the church's school building efforts. Nearing the end of her stay in Niger, she says she continues to think about the theoretical training she acquired at TC and its application to practice. "I'm considering returning to school in order to theoretically analyze this practical experience...Perhaps I'll apply to a doctoral program at TC." We hope to see you soon!

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## TC to host CIES Conference

comparative education. In addition, R. Freeman Butts, Harold Noah, and Max Eckstein took active roles in the founding of the CIES, serving as CIES presidents at different points in its history.

Teachers College students, faculty, and alumni have always participated actively and enjoyed strong representation at the Annual Meetings of the CIES (see p. 4). In 2008, the Department of International and Transcultural Studies will have the added role of welcoming visitors to TC for productive and informative discussions on the latest in comparative and international education research.

If you are interested in participating or learning more about the 2008 Annual Meetings of the Comparative and International Education Society at Teachers College, go to the Conference web site at <http://www.tc.edu/its/cies>, or send an e-mail to [cies2008@tc.edu](mailto:cies2008@tc.edu).

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## CIE / IED Alumni Day

upon their experiences and the accomplishments of the CIE and IED programs at Teachers College.

Alumni Day will take place on the Teachers College campus. Registration information for the event can be found on the CIES conference site at <http://www.tc.edu/its/cies>. Scheduled highlights include panel discussions on trends in comparative and international education research, careers in international educational development, regional focus groups, and networking opportunities.

Almost 1,000 students have received degrees in CIE and IED in the past 20 years alone. This event is a capstone effort to develop a strong **CIE/IED Alumni Network** that will carry forward into the future.

Alumni interested in learning more about Alumni Day or contributing to Alumni networking efforts are encouraged to contact the CIE/IED programs at [iedcieinfo@tc.edu](mailto:iedcieinfo@tc.edu), or go to <http://www.tc.edu/its/cies>.

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For more information about Alumni programs and benefits, contact the **Office of Alumni Relations** at (212) 678-3215 or [tc alumni@tc.edu](mailto:tc alumni@tc.edu).

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## Teachers College Students and Faculty turn out in force at the 2007 CIES Conference in Baltimore

Teachers College sent a significant contingent of faculty and students to the 51st Annual Meetings of the Comparative and International Education Society which took place in February 2007 in Baltimore. Students and faculty served as presenters, panel chairs and discussants across a wide diversity of sessions, reflecting the full range and strength of TC's interests and involvement in international education. Congratulations to all who were invited to participate!

Faculty, students, and alumni across TC's departments and disciplines have a strong history of participating in the CIES annual conference as presenters and organizers. The following is a list of TC students and faculty who were among those selected to present at the 2007 conference.

Fida Adely  
Monisha Bajaj  
Lesley Bartlett  
Dana Burde  
Stephen Chemsak  
Peter Cronin  
Paulo DaSilva  
Walter Dawson  
Ameena Ghaffar-Kucher  
Nancy Green  
Maria Hantzopoulos  
Radhika Iyengar  
Tavis Jules  
Ji-Ha Kim  
Henry Levin  
Mary Mendenhall  
Michelle Morais de Sa e Silva  
Sina Mossayeb  
Pei-Ju Tsai  
Gita Steiner-Khamsi  
Aleesha Taylor  
Donna Tonini  
Moirra Wilkinson  
Portia Williams  
Andria Wisler  
Zeena Zakharia

We extend our congratulations to all who participated in CIES 2007!

## Career News and Updates

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of Arab Studies at Georgetown University. Dr. Adely received her PhD in Comparative and International Education in 2007, based on her dissertation "Gender Struggles: Nation, Faith and Development in a Jordanian High School." At Georgetown she is teaching on development in the Arab world.

**Laura Valdiviezo** has been appointed to a tenure-track position in the Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dr. Valdiviezo, who received an EdD in International Educational Development, wrote her dissertation on "The construction of interculturality: An ethnography of teachers' beliefs and practices in Peruvian Quechua schools." At UMass Dr. Valdiviezo is teaching classes in ethnography and multicultural education.

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Sunday, 3/16/2008

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