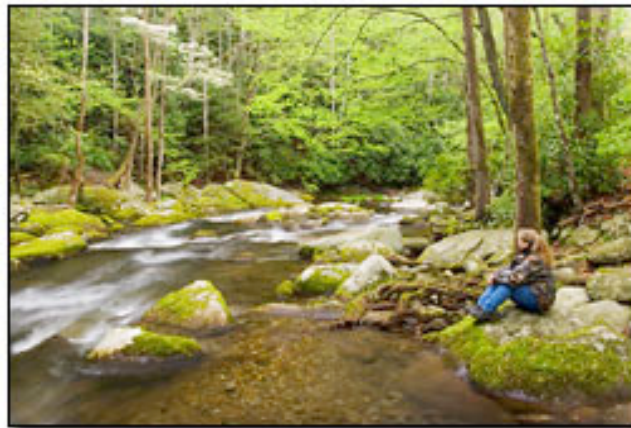


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Happy Spring!

Welcome to the second edition of *Notes from the Reading Room*, the newsletter of the Graduate Reading Program at UW-La Crosse. In this issue, you will be able to:

- meet our new faculty member, Dr. Rita Chen
- peruse information about professional development opportunities
- lay your plans for summer coursework in Reading/Literacy
- hear about the latest from IRA's *Read*Write*Think site

Exciting News!

We are delighted to announce the addition of our new faculty member in Reading/Literacy. **Dr. Rita Chen** will be joining the faculty at UW-L in Fall 2008. Dr. Chen received her doctorate in Reading from Indiana State University in Bloomington, where Dr. Jerome Harste served as her major advisor. Dr. Chen will teach Reading/Literacy courses for graduate and undergraduate students. Welcome, Dr. Chen!



Dr. Rita Chen

Your Advisor

As program director, Dr. Heiden serves as advisor for all graduate students in the Graduate Reading Program, and assists students with portfolio development to fulfill DPI licensure requirements. Be sure to keep in touch with Dr. Heiden on a regular basis for advice about course scheduling and program requirements. Contact her at 608-785-8149 or heiden.delo@uwlax.edu. She is available to meet at your convenience.

Professional Development Opportunities

***"Embedding Hmong Culture and Literature in Schools:
A Discussion of Resources for PK-Middle School"***

Murphy Library and the School of Education at UW-La Crosse are pleased to offer a special event, featuring three presentations about the Hmong culture and children's literature, as a courtesy to education professionals in the area. The event will be held on Wednesday, April 23, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Murphy Library on the UW-L campus. RSVP to Michelle Strange at 608-785-8943 or strange.mich@uwlax.edu **by April 11**. See the brochure for more information.



27th Annual University of Wisconsin Reading Research Symposium:

“One Size Fits No One: The Social, Cultural, and Political Contexts of Literacy Education”

Plan now to attend this outstanding annual event, with notable speakers in Reading/literacy from the state and nation. Come and hear Susan Ohanian, Bill Teale, Mary Louise Gomez, Catherine Compton-Lilly, Jacque Karbon and others as they address issues related to NCLB, RtI, access to literacy, diversity, and other relevant topics that are of concern to today's professional educators.

Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, 2008
The Pyle Center
702 Langdon Street
UW-Madison Campus

Register Now! See the website at

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/outreach/?folder=content&pageName=learningOpDetails&pageid=295>

University credit for the Symposium is available through UW-La Crosse through **RDG 765 *Factors Related to Reading Performance***, a variable 2-credit or 3-credit elective course. Dr. Heiden will teach RDG 765 as a "hybrid" course; it will entail both online and face-to-face learning during Summer II, **June 23-July 18**: discussion of readings will be conducted online; face-to-face class meetings will be held at the Symposium in Madison; and a final class meeting will take place on the UW-L campus on July 18. Contact Dr. Heiden with your questions.

Registration is Open for an Array of Summer Courses in Reading/Literacy

Check the online timetable for days, times, and locations: Go to the UW-L home page at www.uwlax.edu. Click on Class Timetable at the bottom of the page, then on Searchable Timetable in the box.

Summer Session I: 5/27/2008 to 6/20/08

RDG 328/528-101 Content Area Reading (3)

Instructor: Dr. Jon Davies

EDM 773 Current Trends in Literature for Children & Young Adults

Instructor: Dr. Richard Gappa (3)

Summer Session II: 6/23/08 - 7/18/08

RDG 741 Reading in the Elementary School (3)

Instructor: Staff

EFN 760* Theory & Practice in Educational Research (3)

*Substitutes for RDG 762 Reading Research

Instructor: Dr. Robert Krajewski

RDG 765 Factors Related to Reading Performance (2-3)

Instructor: Dr. Delores Heiden

Special Time Arrangement

RDG 747 Reading Practicum (3)

(June 30-Aug. 1: includes fieldwork at Hamilton Elementary in La Crosse)

Instructor: Dr. Delores Heiden

Summer Session III: 7/21/08 – 8/15/08

RDG/C-I 781 Educational Supervision (3)

Instructor: Dr. Robert Krajewski

RDG 735 Developing Content Reading Programs (3)

Instructor: Staff

A Message from Our Professional Organization – the International Reading Association:

** Read * Write * Think*

Dear Colleague,

ReadWriteThink.org is proud to announce that Learning Beyond the Classroom, our site designed to help children and teens continue to build their literacy learning outside of school, is growing.

The site now offers even more activities for children ages 4 to 18. In addition, the site includes booklists, reading logs, book review podcasts, and best practice videos to help caregivers and tutors make the most of summer reading and writing opportunities. To see all of these features and more, please visit

www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer.

ReadWriteThink.org is a nonprofit website maintained by the International Reading Association and the National Council of Teachers of English, with support from the Verizon Foundation and in association with the Thinkfinity.org program.

We thank you for your support of the Learning Beyond the Classroom project and hope that you will help us spread the word about this great resource.

Sincerely,

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