

Early Enrollment Program Newsletter

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Here Comes Summer

Grace Small Distinguishes Herself Again

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With EEP American History teacher Grace Small as Project Director, Lincoln High School received an \$1890 grant from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities (RICH) to engage students in an oral history project involving the historical experiences of Lincoln community seniors. The grant is part of The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) civic education grant-making initiative for projects and programs that enrich the humanities components of K-12 civic education.

The RICH grant provided college preparatory, Advanced Placement and EEP students with the use of

a set of Flip camcorders and a scanner to use for artifacts for their books. The students used the camcorders to videotape the interviews, create transcripts and archive senior interviews.

Grace stated, "I was so pleased by the qualitative impact of this project among the families. The intergenerational nature of the oral history project gave our students a greater appreciation of living history within the lives of their own family members. It also taught them how to compare their general library research to primary sources from oral histories and how to historically contextualize and integrate their learning in the form of individually published books on topics ranging from the Great Depression...to 9/11."

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, Grace also presented a statewide workshop for teachers at the 2011 Civic Education Spring Institute: Democracy Demands Wisdom in Challenging Times sponsored by RIDE at Roger Williams University. Teachers interested in initiating an oral history project and/or publishing student books were encouraged to attend.

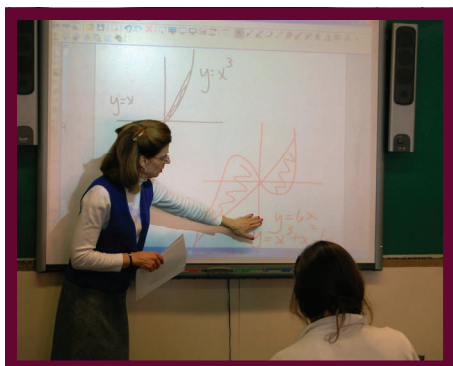
According to Grace, the project "was an overwhelmingly positive experience both for the students and those seniors whom they interviewed."

CONGRATULATIONS, GRACE!!

Source: Cumberland & Lincoln NEIGHBORS newspaper and an EEP email exchange with Grace Small.



Changes..Changes...Changes



Margaret Traficante/Math 212
Instructor/**St. Mary Academy,**
Bay View

As a result of conversations with the Rhode Island College EEP Liaisons, there will be some changes in course numbering, titles and credits beginning the 2011-2012 school year.

MATH- Math 212: Calculus is changed to **Math 247: Calculus: A Short Course**. The course description is as follows:

Course topics include differentiation and integration, including an introduction to partial differentiation. 3 credit hours

HISTORY- History 201 and 202 will be numbered as topic courses and will both be changed to History 150 designation. If you are currently teaching

History 201: History to 1877
New designation: **History 150: US History to 1877.**

History 202: US History from 1877 to Present
New designation: **History 150: US History from 1877 to the Present.**

Course descriptions remain the same, and students still earn three credits for each history class.

Please note that these are primarily name and number changes only and will not affect what is being taught. More importantly, these modifications will not affect the transferability of credit for students. Post-secondary institutions have different names and different numbering systems for their particular courses. It is imperative that students are given the correct information to transfer their credits to other colleges and universities.

Changes in course numbering, titles and credits must be made to your 2011-12 syllabi.



**REACH
INSPIRE
CONNECT**

Thank You for Your Participation

The EEP staff wishes to thank all of our faculty and on-site coordinators who took the time to complete the professional development survey distributed by Dr. Alexander Sidorkin, Dean of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development. Of the seventy-five individuals responding, most expressed an interest in a PhD program in their area, EEP content specific information, methodologies in their field and topics related to technology. Your suggestions will help us to determine future plans for EEP professional development.

To that end, we have initiated a conversation with Mr. Hedi BenAicha, Director, Adams Library, who is eager to provide **an orientation on research sources and technology available to all EEP students and faculty**. The EEP staff concurs that, "This is not your mother's library anymore."

We are currently in the planning stage with Mr. BenAicha to organize this library orientation during the 2011-2012 school year.

The RIC library has a new website at <http://www.ric.edu/adamslibrary>.

You may also take a virtual tour at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTan2XnP84U> .



Open Books, Open Minds 2011-2012

For the sixth year in a row, **Open Books, Open Minds (OBOM)** will bring together Rhode Island College students, faculty, staff, alumni, administrators and the RI community for a year-long dialogue based on a text. The 2011-12 selection is *When the Emperor Was Divine*, Julie Otsuka's first novel. Set in California, the story deals with a Japanese family's status as "enemy aliens" and their eventual internment during World War Two.

Begun in the spring of 2006, **Open Books, Open Minds** is a direct result of RIC's participation in the American Democracy Project (ADP). According to the RIC website, "The ADP is a long-term endeavor involving 188 academic institutions, jointly coordinated by the New York Times and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and designed to foster informed civic engagement in the United States." Rhode Island College was one of the first colleges to participate in this project.

Over the years the **Open Books, Open Minds** titles have included:

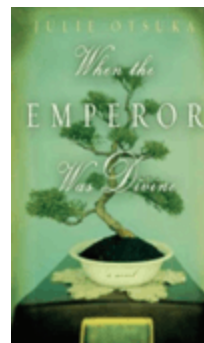
Fast Food Nation

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

A Long Way Gone: Memoir of a Boy Soldier

Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West

The Good Times are Killing Me



The list of college events for the 2011-2012 school year includes Julie Otsuka's address to the RIC community on October 12, 2011, faculty workshops and lectures, a film screening, a visual arts presentation by Roger Shimomura and student discussions organized by peer mentors. In addition, RIC undergraduate and graduate students will be able to submit a proposal to present a paper or poster at a student conference on March 30. The deadline for proposals is December 9.

For more information, check the **Open Books, Open Minds** website <http://ric.edu/obom/>.



Physics 101 class/St. Mary Academy, Bay View



Sarah Krawiec/ Senior/Art 201/ Milford HS, MA

Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that the following teachers are among the newest EEP Instructors:

Steve Babiec/Saint Raphael Academy/Physics 101

Gregory Decoteaux/Middletown HS/Physics 101, Physics 102

Maryann Lasorsa/East Providence HS/Music 201, Music 203

Erin Mullaugh/ North Attleboro HS/ Chemistry 103, Chemistry 104

Bobby Wayne Rathbone/East Providence HS/Music 203

Michael Silva/East Providence HS/History 150: US History from 1877 to the Present

The following teachers have been approved to expand EEP offerings in their schools:

Aja Butler/Classical HS/Physics 102

Nahim Mitnik/ Barrington HS / Music 150: Electronic Music

Donna Palumbo/Johnston HS/English 113

Erica Valentine/Smithfield HS/Economics 215

We extend our deepest appreciation to the following EEP personnel who are retiring effective June 2011. Their contributions to EEP have been invaluable, and we wish them warmest congratulations!

Maureen Burke/North Attleboro HS/Math 212

John Capwell/West Warwick HS/Accounting 201, Accounting 202

Michael Medeiros/Portsmouth HS/PED201

Katia Paris/On-site Coordinator/St. Mary Academy, Bay View

Catherine Pastore/South Kingstown HS/French 113



Annual Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to announce the 2011 EEP scholarship winners. Chosen from a field of outstanding nominees, the three EEP students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Rhode Island College renewable for three additional years provided they maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic year.

Nicole Brule, West Warwick High School

Ava Delasanta, North Smithfield High School

John Fitzgibbons, Blackstone Charter Academy

Our congratulations are extended to our three scholarship winners, their families and their teachers.



Chloe Cullen/Senior/Art 201/**South Kingstown HS**

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JUNE 24th



Please keep your camera handy! Email us photos (in jpg. format) of your students and yourself at any time during the year. We will need parental permission to use the photo of an EEP student.

Updated syllabus
For 2011-2012

REQUIRED

Send
ELECTRONICALLY
TO

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BY

July 15

Send updated resumes
only if your informa-
tion has changed from
last year.

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"How to" information for your
students:

Go to

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recordsoffice/pdf/
transcriptrequestform.pdf](http://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/pdf/transcriptrequestform.pdf)

Students should download the form,
complete, and mail to RIC RECORDS
OFFICE. There is a place to circle EEP
student, so students don't need to
know an EMPLID (student ID) to
request a transcript.

Ask for 2 copies! One for self, one to be
sent directly to the specific person/
office at the attending college/
university.