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ILSADE Conference April 20!

Fall of 2017 is starting out with some exciting news in the ILSADE world! **We will be having our Spring 2018 Conference at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL on Friday, April 20.** Details will be forthcoming.

shrinking conference budgets, we will be doing everything in our power to keep costs to an absolute minimum. (Yes, we'll still be having food though, no worries.) A Call for Proposals for Presentations, and Workshops is available on the ILSADE website; the

three awards and two scholarships to give out this year: one for Excellence in Administration, one in Excellence in Faculty Teaching, and one in Excellence in Staff Support. We will also be awarding one scholarship for an Adjunct Faculty Member to join us at ILSADE for free, and one scholarship for a Developmental Education student, so please nominate people you know that you think would be worthy of an award! Deadlines for awards will be March 16, 2018. Nomination forms can be found on the ILSADE Website.

Details will be forthcoming through the ILSADE website, the ILSADE Facebook page, and through our monthly e-mails to our members. If you are not on the ILSADE Member List, please send an e-mail to kingj59@morainevalley.edu to be included. See you April 20!



Image: ILSADE 2013

While we don't have a price point set for the conference yet, a goal of this conference is to make sure it's as affordable as possible. In these times of

deadline will be March 30, 2018, which sounds like it's far away, but it's not.

4) We will also have ILSADE Awards again this year! We have

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Key Future Dates:

- NADE Conference Feb 21-24; <http://thenade.org>
- Nominations for ILSADE Awards and Scholarships due March 16; <http://ilsade.weebly.com>
- Proposals for Presentations and Workshops due March 30; <http://ilsade.weebly.com>
- ILSADE Conference April 20; <http://ilsade.weebly.com>

Developmental Honors? Why Not?

Moraine Valley Community College has begun offering the first Developmental Honors course, a Developmental Honors Intermediate Algebra course, for its Honors students. If that sentence looks strange to you, you're probably not alone – as far as Moraine Valley knows, it is the first school in

the nation to offer a Developmental Honors course for its students.

"We noticed many Honors students, despite doing well in their Humanities, History, and English courses, were scoring poorly in their Mathematics classes.; as a result, there were communities of

Honors students who were taking Developmental Mathematics courses," said Jason King, Associate Professor of Developmental Mathematics at Moraine Valley Community College. "We thought there might be a neat opportunity to try something new to help out our students, so why not?"

What Are You Thankful For at Thanksgiving?



Paula DeAnda-Shah

**Assistant Professor, Developmental Mathematics,
Moraine Valley Community College**

Who is a teacher you're thankful for in your schooling? Ms. Janecyk, my high school algebra 2/ Trig teacher. She asked me to join Mathletes and made me first consider majoring in mathematics in college. She believed so much in me she told my parents at parent teacher conferences that if I wanted to I could one day be the president of the United States!

Who is a colleague you're thankful for in your career? At Moraine there are many colleagues to be thankful for. I'm definitely the type of person that likes to propose new ideas and there are always colleagues willing to help make the ideas become a reality.

What's your favorite Thanksgiving food? Growing up my favorite Thanksgiving food was my mother's stuffing. She only made it for Thanksgiving and it was so flavorful and delicious. These days we often go a less traditional route and make Mexican mole as a meal. I learned my mother's recipe and it's a meal that the whole family loves!

Got any big Holiday plans coming up? This will be my daughter's first holiday season and I'm looking forward to all the new memories we will make. It's also likely that she'll take her first walking steps this season so we'll spend a good part of the holidays baby proofing the house!

Over the next few issues the ILSADE Times will introduce you to some of the members of our great community. This issue will spotlight various members of ILSADE and will continue with our members in following issues.

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When students are placed into a Developmental course, it could be for a variety of reasons. Some students have academic deficiencies based on a disinterest in learning and haven't worked hard in courses, or have difficulties in courses across the board. Some Developmental students have more departmentalized weaknesses: weak-

nesses in specific areas of Mathematics or a lack of specific study skills in STEM-related coursework.

A number of different changes were made to the Intermediate Algebra course to cater to the needs of this group of students. Tutoring was made an integral component of the course as was

the development of Study Skills and notetaking. Coursework was rigorous, and more time was spent compartmentalizing different types of problems and unique ways to solve them. "One advantage about creating a new course – you realize what you don't like about the way you teach your old courses," said King. "I plan on changing some things about my old courses."

What Are You Thankful For at Thanksgiving?

Kathy Almy

**Mathematics Research Associate at Northern Illinois University
Adjunct math instructor at Rock Valley College**



Who is a teacher you're thankful for in your schooling? Pretty much all of them. I've had wonderful teachers who made a huge difference in my education, career, and life.

Who is a colleague you're thankful for in your career? Heather Foes. She is my co-author but also a great colleague to bounce ideas off of.

What's your favorite Thanksgiving food? My mom's green bean casserole

Got any big Holiday plans coming up? Just spending time with family

We Want YOU! Yes, you!



An organization is only as good as the members that make it up, and we both know ILSADE would be even better if you lent us your thoughts, experiences, and wisdom to help make us better together! Want to share your thoughts and become a Dev Ed Celebrity? Need a collective shoulder to cry on? Want to get in on the ground floor of an organization set to expand?

We need bloggers! Please consider writing a blog entry for our blog at <http://ilsade.weebly.com>. Send your entry and a headshot to kingj59@morainevalley.edu, and we'll get you famous! People will ask for your autograph!

We need presenters! If we're going to have 2 conferences in the next year, we're going to need people to present! Consider filling out a Call for Proposal at <http://ilsade.weebly.com>. Makes for a good resume-builder in a low-pressure environment!

We need members! Know someone who needs more ILSADE in their life? Send their e-mail address to kingj59@morainevalley.edu, and I'll get them on our ILSADE Member List. You don't have to join ILSADE to get updates from us, and you can cancel anytime.

Want to help out in other ways? Want to help us plan our conferences? Got a great idea and want to see how ILSADE can help you? Drop us e-mail at kingj59@morainevalley.edu, and let's work together!

What Are You Thankful For at Thanksgiving?



Norm Stahl

Professor Emeritus of Literacy Education, Northern Illinois University

Who is a teacher you are most thankful for in your schooling? Selecting that one teacher who had the greatest impact on my development across the years from kindergarten through the award of the Ph.D. is a most daunting task (and to be fair and accurate we continue to have mentors across our careers). As I look back over the years, except for my elementary school education, which was a pedagogical version of "Chainsaw Massacre," each level did have at least one teacher who opened a door for me on the trail that has been my professional life. Each individual had the key talent to make me believe I could step up to a new level and each introduced me to a more sophisticated understanding of a field or discipline. Indeed, how do we ever thank such individuals?

If I am forced to pick an individual, let me go back to my pedagogical Big Bang...that would be Mr. Butler in 8th grade U.S. History. He unleashed a love of history, an understanding that perhaps I could shed the label of underachiever, and a desire to become a teacher. He did not stay in the profession, as he actually had to make a living. That was so sad for all those who might have become his potential students over the years.

Who is a colleague you are thankful for in your career? I have been so very fortunate to have worked at various stages of my career with ever so many powerful researching/writing partners that I can not name a single individual. These folks across various stages of my career include: Michele Simpson, James King, William Henk, William Brozo, Cynthia Shanahan, and most recently Sonya Armstrong. They allowed me to cross countless research borders. Of course, there are also the colleagues from associations such as the College Reading and Learning Association, the Literacy Research Association, the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers, the American Reading Forum, and History of Reading SIG of the International Literacy Association.

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food? A glass of really good white wine. Wine is one of the basic food groups...right?

Got any big holiday plans coming up? I'll be going down to the LRA Conference in Tampa in a few weeks and staying for the ARF Conference shortly after on Sanibel Island. Carolyn (my better half) will fly down so we end up having a few days of Sanibel beach time with friends. Otherwise, we have simply low-key family time back in the land of corn.

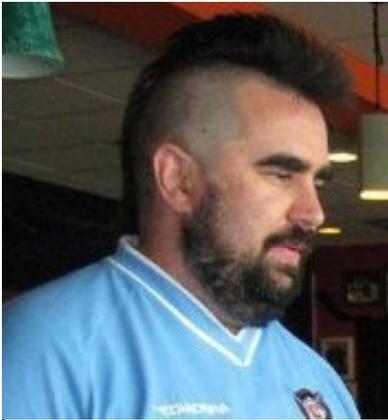
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Hello and thank you, ILSADE members! My name is Jason King, and it's my honor to serve as your President! I've been a Developmental Mathematics teacher at Moraine Valley Community College, the school from which I received my A.A., since 2005. I've taught elementary school, middle school, and high school, in urban and rural environments, public and parochial, and also briefly taught in Vladimir, Russia. I served as President of ILSADE from 2013-2014, and I'm glad to be back!

Thank you for your work and service in helping to fulfill ILSADE's mission: to help our Developmental Education faculty, staff, and students. I look forward to working to help you this year! My door – office and virtual – is always open, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at kingj59@morainevalley.edu.

Here are my goals for the 2017-2018 year:

- 1) **Have 2 Conferences.** Half the fun of being a member is to get together with your peers – talk shop, cry together, learn some new ideas! Right now, my goal is to offer you two one-day drive-in conferences that are affordable, educational, and fun.
- 2) **Create Newsletters.** I'd like to offer you at least three newsletters – one in the Fall, one in the Winter, and one in the Spring – full of ILSADE news, information, and general goings-on.
- 3) **Improve our Social Media Presence.** Right now, our Facebook page is continuing to produce output, and membership is increasing. Our Twitter account is dormant, but I'm not sure that's a priority right now.
- 4) **Improve the Website.** I'd like us to get our own dedicated URL (not on weebly.com) – but I don't have much experience in web design. I'll see what I can do.
- 5) **Be Responsive to Members' Needs.** I want to make sure that we are giving you, our members and Developmental Education Brothers and Sisters, whatever we can to help each other. My door – office and Internet – is always open.

Thank you for being a part of ILSADE and I hope to see you soon!



Best Practice: Ticket Out The Door

Have 5 more minutes in class but don't want to introduce a new topic? Is the last 5 minutes of your class peppered with the frustrating sound of zippers opening and bookbags rustling? You may be interested in trying out a practice that can get you quick feedback called the Ticket Out the Door.

I began using the Ticket Out the Door to help me improve several aspects of my teaching:

Attendance. I've always hated taking attendance and thought calling roll was a time of potential classroom disruption, especially in the first few weeks of class. By assigning a Ticket Out the Door at the end of class, as long as students sign their names to the piece of paper, you need

not take class time to determine who was in class and who was absent.

Honest Feedback. Have you ever scanned the room for questions and, finding none, thought that the class understood the lessons, only to discover on test day that they didn't know that they didn't know? (I hope that makes sense.) Sometimes students are too shy to ask for help; other times they need a quick assessment to make sure that they know they need to study more. Both can be helped with a Ticket Out the Door.

Here's how the Ticket Out the Door works: At the end of class, students are asked to get out a half-sheet of paper, write their

name, and answer one or more of the following questions:

- 1) **How was class for you?**
- 2) **Do you have any questions, comments, or thoughts?**

Students will complete these and hand them in on their way out of class.

A teacher can also ask additional questions; asking students to prove their competency over something learned in class that day for points is highly effective.

Do you have any experience with using the Ticket Out the Door? Let us know how you use it in your class and whether or not you have found it beneficial!

We are also looking for more best practices: please send them to kingj59@morainevalley.edu for inclusion in our next newsletter!

