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**Room Reservations:**  
If you need to reserve a room for a Qualifying Exam or Dissertation Defense, or parking for an outside committee member, please call Margaret Cyrus at (213) 740-9323

Are you on the main campus for classes?  
Are you hungry?  
Check the summer hours of USC's retail cafes at:  
<http://hospitality.usc.edu/Hours/Default.aspx>

#### From Your Executive Director.....

I am excited to announce that the Ed.D. Program Office and the Doctoral Support Center will be working more closely with one another to serve you. The Doctoral Support Center will now follow the same cohort model of service currently provided by the Ed.D. Program Office. Each cohort will work directly with a writing advisor who is paired with your academic advisor. This writing advisor will be ready to work with you on reviewing your papers and dissertation chapters. Presentations and workshops will continue to be led by the team of experts at the DSC. The writing advisors dedicated to each cohort are:

Cohorts of 2009, 2006, and 2003: Linda Fischer will coordinate with Nadine Singh  
Cohorts of 2008, 2005, and Legacy: Ilda Jimenez y West will coordinate with Jessica Gibson  
Cohorts of 2007 and 2004: Gokce Gokalp will coordinate with Rocke DeMark  
We believe that this team approach will enable our advisors to best prepare for the needs of students at each stage of the program. We look forward to your feedback!

Please join me in congratulating our own Guadalupe Garcia Montano, who completed her Ed.D. and accepted a challenging new position as Program Manager at the Keck School of Medicine! Her success has left us with an opportunity for someone interested in the position of Academic Advisor in the Ed.D. Program Office. The position will be posted soon on USC's website. We welcome your referrals of qualified colleagues interested in student services in higher education.

Finally, we are still accepting applications for the Fall 2010 Ed.D. cohort! I encourage you to refer colleagues who you believe are a good match for the program to Carolyn Stirling at [stirling@usc.edu](mailto:stirling@usc.edu).

Warmest regards,  
Kathy Stowe, Ed.D.

#### From Your Associate Director....

PKD International and our Professional Development department invite you to attend the **Leadership Summit 2010: Teaching, Leading, and Learning in a Time of Change** on June 9 at the Davidson Conference Center. Ed.D. students will receive a discounted registration rate of \$75 for the first 25 students to respond. For more information on this great opportunity visit [www.usc.edu/RossierProfDev](http://www.usc.edu/RossierProfDev) and click on K-12 Leadership. You can register for the conference at [www.regonline.com/USC-PDK2010](http://www.regonline.com/USC-PDK2010).

Please save the following date to attend the **2010 USC Student Affairs Conference!** This year's theme is University of SuCcess and will feature inspirational and motivational speakers from USC. The Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the new Tutor Campus Center. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. To respond, please e-mail Tomas A. Aguirre at [taguirre@usc.edu](mailto:taguirre@usc.edu).

The Rossier School of Education Career Center invites you to visit their website at : <http://rossier.usc.edu/connections/open-positions/> to see job postings, including a new listing for a Principal of a Para Los Ninos charter school. If you have a Facebook account, you can add the Career Center's Director, David Pahl, as your friend to view these announcements. You can also create a Placement File to use when applying for jobs. For Placement File information (fees, content, etc.), please go to: <http://rossier.usc.edu/connections/about-the-career-center/placement-file-information/>.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Gibson

## Your Cohort at a Glance...

Check here each month for timely messages from your Student Advisors, based on the year you enter the Ed.D. program

### June 4:

Last day to add, or drop with tuition refund, for session 059 (EDUC 790)

### June 22:

Session 050 last day to drop with "W"

### June 26:

DSC's Summer Writing Group Orientation

### June 30:

Summer Session 051 starts

### July 1:

Next upload deadline for a summer graduation date

### July 5:

University Holiday

### July 9:

Last day to add or drop with tuition refund for session 051

### August 14:

New Student Orientation

### August 16:

Graduate School new student Orientation

### August 21:

Summer Conference on main campus

### August 27:

Summer Conference at JAAMS in Hawaii

Need a date further in the future? The USC Academic Calendar is online at:

<http://www.usc.edu/academics/calendar/>



"The price of greatness is responsibility"

Winston Churchill

### Cohort of 2007

#### Commencement 2010:

Congratulations to all of the Cohort of 2007 graduates! I really enjoyed seeing you all on your special day. It has been an honor and pleasure working with each one of you.

#### Dissertation Defense

**Reservations:** For students approaching their final dissertation defenses, please contact Margaret Cyrus if you need to reserve a room, check out A/V equipment, or reserve parking for your outside member. Margaret can be reached at (213)740-9323 or [cyrus@usc.edu](mailto:cyrus@usc.edu).

**USC Email:** Your USC email accounts will expire approximately six months from the date your degree posts. While you cannot retain your current email address, you can set up an alumni email address through the USC Alumni Association. **Summer Upload Deadline:** To be considered a Summer 2010 graduate, you will need to upload your dissertation to the Graduate School by July 1, 2010.

**Fall Registration:** The last day to enroll in the Fall 2010 semester without a late fee is Friday, August 20, 2010. Please contact me if you need the registration memo or a permit to enroll form for EDUC 791 or EDUC 794 courses. Students who have completed all coursework will not have to register for the Fall 2010 semester as long as they upload their dissertations to the Graduate School by September 10.

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### Cohort of 2008

I am happy to serve as your academic advisor during the transition from Dr. Guadalupe Garcia!

#### Doctoral Support Center:

Ilda Jimenez y West is now your dedicated DSC writing advisor for the cohort of 2008. She and I will work together to provide programming and paper reviews tailored to your stage in the program. You can reach her at [ijimenez@usc.edu](mailto:ijimenez@usc.edu).

**Qualifying Exam:** You should plan to schedule your Qualifying Exam prior to September 10, 2010 in order to register for EDUC 794a this coming fall semester.

**IRB Information:** Do you have your CITI certificate yet? CITI is the online education program required of all USC investigators and key personnel conducting human subjects research.

Your IRB application will not be approved until you have completed CITI training. You will need to input your iStar username during the registration process so that CITI certification can be automatically uploaded into your iStar account. If you have not yet created your iStar username, you can do so at [istar.usc.edu](http://istar.usc.edu).

**Course Materials:** You should have received a separate email from me this week with instructions for accessing online course readings via ARES for your summer courses. Please contact me if you need further information.

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### Cohort of 2009

I hope each of you is enjoying your first concentration course!

#### Spring 2010 grades:

You can currently view your spring grades on OASIS via the grade report option.

#### Summer and Fall

##### Registration:

Please be aware that the first summer session ends on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and the second summer session begins on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The last day to register and settle your bill for the fall 2010 semester is Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. In the fall semester you will be taking two concentration classes. If you need another copy of your registration memo please contact me.

#### Ed.D. Summer Conference:

The Ed.D. Summer Conference will be held at the Davidson Conference Center on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Check-in will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Students do not need to respond for this event. This will be your only opportunity to learn and discuss the thematic dissertation group topics with faculty chairs. I hope to see all of you there!

#### Doctoral Support Center:

As a result of the merging of the DSC with the Ed.D. Office Dr. Linda Fischer will become the writing advisor for the cohort of 2009. If you have any questions about the DSC or would like to schedule a meeting with her please e-mail her at [lfischer@usc.edu](mailto:lfischer@usc.edu) or by phone at (213)740-3813.

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