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**Subject:** Weekly Update 04-29-11  
**Attachments:** Amanda Sox.pdf; CWPPortfolioLC.docx  
**Importance:** High

Congratulations on the last day of classes. It was a hard year: terrible whether, a new dean, and accreditation are all contributing factors. Whatever psychic scars you acquired, they will wash away in the warm winds of the summer.

1. Please welcome **another member of our faculty**, Amanda Sox. She will be joining DES as an assistant professor in TESL area; see her vita. Welcome, on board, Amanda!
2. Congratulations to Andy Snyder who won **the tagline contest**. Thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee for orchestrating the process. We will probably have run this by the College leadership and PR, but Andy wins anyway. **ED@RIC: Change Lives!**
3. The end of the year faculty and staff recognition reception (Read **Party!**) At Sidorkin residence, [11 Forest Street, Providence](#), Friday May 6, 3 PM to midnight. All faculty, staff, their significant others are invited. The theme of the party is Carnival. Bring your fool's dunces, goofy clothes, or not. I will grill a variety of meats, and buy some beer (it ain't going to be Bud, buddy) and soda. The rest will be the self-organizing chaos called the **Russian potluck**. Bring a salad or a desert, or a side dish, or a main course, and/or a drink; bring it in any quality, including none. It will all work out in the end, if you know the laws of probability. A call for my neighbors who live on the East Side: please consider bringing some lawn chairs and perhaps a folding table.
4. Faculty, reserve the day on your calendar for the FSEHD all-day opening retreat: [Aldrich Mansion](#), August 25th – 8:00 – 4:00. Propose agenda items. So far: the Bucci award, projects for 2011/12, NCTAE visit Update, Chalk and Wire training.
5. Attention: Greg Kniseley will be leading the **Chalk and Wire/Electronic Portfolio Faculty Learning Community**, see the flier attached. Sign up by May 20!; it is good for you, for your students, and large rewards, psychic and monetary, are offered.
6. Thanks to **Eileen Sullivan** for completing the [Title II](#) report; a key part of national accountability.
7. Kudos to HPE; They have been on a roll this week, sponsoring The Gerontology Mini-Conference on April 27, and the Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Program (MATP) Day today.
8. Reminder: A brown bag seminar next week: Denise Guilbault, Student Union 422, Mon 5/02/2011 11:30.
9. Please do not miss the Cap and Gown ceremony and both commencements. Graduates want to see their faculty, and not me, or other bureaucrats.
10. Consider giving your dean a brief, confidential and strictly anonymous evaluation, if you have not done so yet: <http://tinyurl.com/feedbackforSasha>
11. Both Karen and I will be going partially underground in the next two weeks to complete, test, and edit the Institutional report website. Sorry for limited availability. Please also check if everything from your program is linked: evidence and student samples: <http://ricreport.org>
12. And the blog "[My first year at RIC](#)"

### Oldies but goodies:

1. Lecture by Diane Ravitch, sponsored by the R.I. Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals and supported by the RIC/AFT. May 3, 2011 in Gage Auditorium from 4:15-5:30. The lecture is free but requires pre-registration. You can accomplish that by using the link on the flyer [rifacs@aol.com](mailto:rifacs@aol.com).
2. A public forum by The Rhode Island Foundation and WRNI, Rhode Island's NPR station, Sponsored in part by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation: *One Square Mile: Woonsocket*. Thursday, May 5, 2011, 5:30pm - 7pm, The Museum of Work and Culture  
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**Subject:** Weekly Update 04-22-11  
**Attachments:** Prachi Kene.pdf; Full Release Induction Coaches Application.docx; Memo for Induction Coach application March 2011.doc; DianeRavitchForum.pdf  
**Importance:** High

1. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Prachi Kene-Allampalli; she will be joining CEP faculty in August. She has an impressive set of credentials and experiences; see attached her vita. Welcome, Prachi!
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5. Congratulations to Health Education SPA report writers Karen Berard-Reed and Susan Clark, whose report was selected by NCATE to be a model posted on their website.
6. Congrats also to Susan Gracia who was selected for the competitive AERA/Stanford Faculty Institute for the Teaching of Statistics with Large-Scale Data Sets.
7. RIDE is hiring induction coaches; attached. Those are not for us to consider, but share with your network in K-12 schools
8. Please make sure your Summer and Fall classes are correctly coded in the public schedule (Class Search): Distance (entirely online), Hybrid (about 50% online); In person; Online (at least 80% online). It is important to warn students.
9. Just a reminder: when you cancel classes for any reasons, your Chair and the Department secretary need to know about it. Otherwise we may look uninformed and disorganized, when a stray student or a visitor wonders in.
10. And the blog "[Laughter and chaos](#)." Happy Easter this week and Passover next week.

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2. Real jobs for our graduates! Blackstone Valley Prep; contact Jennifer LoPiccolo [jlopiccolo@rimabv.org](mailto:jlopiccolo@rimabv.org): Teaching Positions: Grades K-2 and 5-6; Summer Academy (a great one for folks just graduating and possibly an exemplary (current) student who would like to intern. School Leader for grades 5-6. We also have been invited to visit the Blackstone Valley Academy on April 29, at 7:30 AM. [RSVP](#), for the school has limited capacity.
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**Subject:** Weekly Update 04-15-11  
**Attachments:** Grinner\_flyer\_2011.pdf

**Importance:** High

1. Hybrid and Online Learning Community (HOLC) completed the last f2f HOLC meeting today. We have heard a number of great presentations. We will try to archive and edit the course to save the best tips and dilemmas. Thanks to all who participated! Here is an [interesting piece on blended \(hybrid\) learning](#).
2. Next week reminders:
  1. Foucault and Bakhtin Reading group – Monday 4/18, 11:30, Union 307.
  2. Martha Horn's BrownBag seminar – Tuesday, same time and place
  3. Wednesday 5:30 PM Ballroom – Annual Award Ceremony
3. Spring 2011 STEM Brown Bag Series: *What's Your Big Idea?* Pursuing funding for what you are passionate about (a conversation). Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 12:30-1:45 p.m., RI STEM Center, HBS 214, Sponsored by the RI STEM Center at RIC. Questions? email Corinne McKamey [cmckamey@ric.edu](mailto:cmckamey@ric.edu)
4. RIDE news: Four public forums on a working draft for the redesign of the Educator Certification System. Please contact Andre Audette ([andre.audette@ride.ri.gov](mailto:andre.audette@ride.ri.gov)) with any questions. Each forum will be held from 4 – 6 p.m., at the following locations:
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5. Congratulations to Carol Cummings who was appointed as tenure-track Assistant Professor in Community Health; HPE.
6. On April 20<sup>th</sup> (12:20-1:50 in Alger 110), Leslie Grinner will be speaking at Rhode Island College. Her talk is titled *Power, Pedagogy and Popular Culture: Bella's Choice and the Deconstruction of Ideology*. She is the creator of the SCWAMP activity that many of us use in our classroom to teach the concept of dominant ideology. She has also written and presented extensively on issues of media, power and privilege. She will be talking about SCWAMP, how she uses it in the classroom and doing a reading of the Twilight films in the process. See attached flier.
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**Subject:** Weekly Update 04-08-11  
**Attachments:** obom\_summerreading.pdf; 2011flyer-OBOM.PDF

**Importance:** High

1. [Vote for your favorite](#) amongst the FSEHD Tagline Contest finalists!
2. Hybrid and Online Learning Community (HOLC) final meeting is next Friday, April 15, 9 AM, Union 307. Even if you are not a participant, but would like to come and hear interesting presentations, you are welcome.
3. Congratulations to Greg Kniseley, who published *The Guide to Winning a Teaching Position in Any Job Market*, and launched a blog for it <http://www.winateachingjob.com/>. It is an interesting new ways of scholarship dissemination; talk to him about his experiences.
4. Read an [Anchor piece](#) featuring Julie Horwitz.
5. The Chalk and Wire Implementation Team has met with me this week. The Team members have worked out most of the issues, and learned a great deal about the platform. We will schedule a program coordinators meeting to discuss timeline for a full unit-wide implementation. Thanks to the team members for their great work (which is not over yet!): Karen Castagno, Susan Gracia, Eileen Sullivan, Greg Kniseley, and Ryan Hanley.
6. I am sorry, but it looks like you all would have to use two forms to travel: one to request money, and another to actually tell us you're gone. It may be possible that you're gone on your own dime, but RIC still needs to know you're away on College's business: <http://www.ric.edu/humanresources/facultytravelform.php>. It is probably important for insurance reasons, too. I will link both forms to [Faculty Resources](#) on Monday.
7. Check out the GPA calculator at <http://www.ric.edu/advising/calculator.php>.
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9. See a couple of attachments about the [Open Books – Open Minds](#) program
10. And the blog "[Looking for joy](#)"

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John Niska - A Study on the Impact of Professional Development on Middle Level Advisors	Student Union 422	Tue 4/12/2011 11:30

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**Subject:** Weekly Update 04-01-11

Ha-ha, fooled you, it's April 1, not March 24!

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6. Many thanks to all who submitted student work samples for the NCATE IR. If you missed the deadline, send all you have now, but do not discard things that come after the deadline. We may not be able to include them in the IR, but will need them during the site visit in November.
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**Subject:** Weekly Update 03-24-11  
**Attachments:** Co-Teaching\_Student\_Teaching (2).pdf; bids summary.xlsx

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3. The RIDE certification redesign team have presented at the Certification Advisory Board. See attached the memo I was able to gather from your comments (thanks to all who contributed their ideas!). It is a small team with a very large task, and they are unlikely to find time speaking with multiple groups. If you care about your certification area, get your state professional organization involved, and develop a strong and clear position paper; deliver it to RIDE. Otherwise, too many random chances may affect outcomes of this process. I will try to represent our overall interests and beliefs in life-long learning, but I don't know enough about particular areas to represent all. Besides, those meetings are rare and decisions are non-binding. Do not wait for RIDE to invite you to the table – they sincerely want to, but the table is too small – both in the sense of time and human resources allocated.
4. FSEHD will offer a new, 1-credit course in Fall 2011, CURR 180: *Service Learning*, to be taught by Mustafa Ozcan. The pre-requisite for the course is completion of FNED 346. All details are on the attached flyer. Please share with your teacher candidates and encourage them participate in this “learn and serve” opportunity.
5. Janet Johnson is on the NEASC committee for Scholarship, Research, and Creativity. They would like to create a global map of all the places that RIC faculty have conducted or presented research. Send [her an email](#) with titles of your projects and the places where you presented/conducted these projects? This can be in the United States or beyond.
6. I strongly encourage all faculty to attend one of the two meetings on the revision of General Education. If we're not there to represent the School, who will? Rudy Kraus is our rep. Tuesday, March 29, 6-8 pm--Faculty Ctr/South Dining Room Wednesday, March 30, 12:30-2 pm--Faculty Ctr/Main Dining Room Friday, April 1, 9-11 am--Faculty Ctr/South. The materials were sent to you on Saturday.
7. And the blog [“To be or not to change”](#)

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1. Please help spreading the word about our MAT in Elementary off-campus cohort, <http://ricmat.org>. The audience is career changers, stay-home parents returning to work force, and recent college graduates with second thoughts about their major. Those people are hard to reach through regular media. Send the link to your friends and families AND paste on your Face book page. The information meeting is March 23. Make it a viral thing!
2. Mention to your students a great elective class taught by Greg Kniseley in the Summer: [Winning a Teaching Position in ANY Job Market](#).
3. RIC [Summer Arts program](#) for children accepts applications.
4. Recruitment to the student exchange program and the student teaching abroad programs are suspended, starting with the next academic year. Join me in thanking Ezra Stieglitz for his leadership for the last 14 years. His contribution is significant, and impactful. We are suspending the programs because a working fiscal model could not be identified so far. The programs benefits very few, but are heavily subsidized by all. Students may still go to student teach abroad within [the new student teaching abroad program](#), administered by OPP.
5. There are five sources of research and travel funds on this campus, all with different deadlines; one is **on Monday**. We will work on bringing them all to one page on the web (Paula the webmaster?)
  1. FSEHD professional development fund – requested any time, found on our site, [faculty resources](#).
  2. Supplemental funding request from VPAA, found on our site, [faculty resources](#).
  3. [Request for Reassigned-Time for Scholarship, Creative Endeavors, Public Service, and/or Applied Research](#), found on Academic Affairs site, due May 1
  4. Faculty Development Fund, [found on ORGA site](#). It's currently NOT OPEN for applications, pending the Contract re-negotiations. Check back in August.
  5. Faculty Research Committee fund, application **DUE ON MONDAY, 3/21**. Info found on [ORGA site as well](#), and on our site, [faculty resources](#).
6. Many thanks to the unsung heroes of DAC's. It is a lot of important and inglorious work. While we're at it, many thanks to the unsung heroes of search committees. As far as committees go, membership in those two should result in an automatic medal, chairs should be beautified and sainted.
7. Congratulations to Mary Sullivan for receiving a continuation award for RI BGHE (Title IIA) grant Problem Solving & Critical Thinking With Discrete Mathematics
8. Attention advisors: there will be a CURR 180 1-credit course running this fall for the first time entitled "Service Learning" on Wednesdays 4:00-5:00. This is meant to be a prototype of a course for students who want to continue to do Service Learning in the schools beyond their FNED 346 experience. Students would be expected to do 15 hours in the schools. Thanks to the committee working on it: Liz Garafalo, Mustafa Ozcan, Sue Greenfield, and Eileen Sullivan.
9. And the blog "[Vikings vs. homies](#)"

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3. We need news items, achievements, accomplishments about our students, faculty, alums for the Spring issue of [ED@RIC](#) Newsletter. Send those to Paula. Pictures are helpful, but not necessary.
4. Brown bag talk series:

Paul LaCava - Topic: Social Stories™: A Survey Describing Their Use in Rhode Island Schools	Student Union 307	Mon 3/21/2011 11:30 AM
Marie Lynch -	Student Union 422	Mon 3/28/2011 11:30 AM
Elizabeth Holtzman - Topic: A Class wide Holistic Program for Reducing Anxiety in Youth"	Student Union 422	Tue 4/5/2011 11:30 AM

## Sidorkin, Alexander

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**From:** Sidorkin, Alexander  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2011 4:07 PM  
**To:** FSEHDfacstaff  
**Cc:** Deans; 'asf@feinsteinfoundation.org'; FSEHDAAdjuncts; Alumni  
**Subject:** Weekly Update 03-11-11  
**Attachments:** Marie Lynch - Brown Bag Seminar; Paul LaCava - Brown bag Series - Topic: Social Stories™: A Survey Describing Their Use in Rhode Island Schools; Elizabeth Holtzman - Brown Bag Seminar - Topic: A Class wide Holistic Program for Reducing Anxiety in Youth"; John Niska - Brown-Bag Seminar on Sabbatical Research: A Study on the Impact of Professional Development on Middle Level Advisors; Martha Horn - Brown Bag Seminar; Leslie Sevey - Brown Bag Seminar

1. Mark your calendars for the rest of our brown Bag series. Thanks to Elizabeth Henshaw and Andy Snyder who already presented. Free lunch every time, plus a scholarly conversation. Remember why you wanted to work in higher education? Drag and drop attached calendar items to your Outlook calendar. Or see a table at the end of this message.
2. Major congrats to Maria Lawrence for being selected a Fulbright 2011 Foreign Scholarship recipient. She will be going to Brazil on a research trip.
3. Sharon Fennessey & the fifth graders of Henry Barnard School are inviting you to their show! This year the historical drama is set in 1899 in New York City during the strike of the newsboys (and girls) against Joseph Pulitzer of The World and William Randolph Hearst of The Journal. The fifth graders have been studying topics such as child labor, the Industrial Revolution, and immigration. These topics are woven into the script. The play runs about one hour. March 18th, 2011 at 9:30 AM, Sapinsley Hall
4. OASIS will be hiring nine orientation faculty advisors and twelve student peer counselors to work during July 2011, August 2011, and January 2012, new student orientation. Job descriptions and application forms are available at [www.ric.edu/oasis](http://www.ric.edu/oasis).
5. *Partnerships for Success: PK-16 Service-Learning Initiative*, Rhode Island Campus Compact, and our School are sponsoring a workshop Building Effective Partnerships to Support Service-Learning Across PK-12 Schools, Higher Education and Community-based Agencies, Thursday, March 31, 2011, 4:07 PM, Henry Barnard School, Room 214. [Register here](#). Building effective partnerships between PK-12 schools, local colleges and universities, and community based organization is one of the key ways we can improve outcomes for our PK-12 students in Rhode Island. This interactive workshop will focus on key strategies for initiating and sustaining strong school/community/higher education partnerships to support PK-12 service-learning initiatives. We will highlight examples from existing service-learning partnerships in Rhode Island and elsewhere. A panel of experts will be on hand to answer your questions. For more information about the workshop, contact Jill Glickman, [jilleglickman@aol.com](mailto:jilleglickman@aol.com), 401-246-2205
6. [TakePart.org](#) will screen "Waiting for "Superman" at over 100 college campuses. It will be up to the FSEHD to plan a date, venue, and organize the discussion panel. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Karen Castagno – if no one steps forward, we won't show it; Dean's office cannot lead this effort, but will help.
7. And the blog "[Building and gardening](#)"

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3. Your feedback on the [Vision 2020 Initiative](#) is greatly appreciated.
4. Please help advertising our new Elementary MAT cohort <http://RICMAT.org>, and the new ESL Endorsement cohort <http://RICESL.org>
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**Subject:** Weekly Update 03-04-11  
**Attachments:** Graduate Symposium Proposal.docx; Smithfield High School - Portfolio presentations invitation.pdf; CO-teaching.pdf

1. Rhode Island College Education Alumni (RICEA) is seeking volunteers interested in reactivating RICEA, an informal group created in 2006 to bring together the education alumni of RIC. Its mission is to provide professional, networking, and social opportunities that will benefit and support our education alumni, the FSEHD, the RIC Alumni Association, and, of course, RIC. Its signature event has been a wine and cheese event held during Homecoming week, honoring RIC education alumni who achieved distinction in the prior year. There are many opportunities to coordinate our education alumni in the schools with the work at FSEHD. Kathy Swann '79, '89, '01, and Secretary of the Alumni Association, Shana Murrell, Interim Director of Alumni Affairs and Dean Sidorkin are leading the formation of this group, but we need several representatives from faculty to help get it going. It is a small time commitment of two or three short meetings on campus over the next four months. For more information contact the Alumni office at [alumni@ric.edu](mailto:alumni@ric.edu).
2. The (2nd Annual) Graduate Student Symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4. Location TBD. Share the attached Proposal form with your grad students.
3. [Request for reassigned time under AFT Agreement](#) is due to me May 1; [Sabbatical applications](#) – June 1.
4. You all saw the new travel request form. It appears that you can still use [our online form](#) as an equivalent; just make sure to complete it even for trips we do not fund. Will let you all know more as I learn more.
5. Consider volunteering as a judge at Smithfield High School's Portfolio Presentation Day, attached.
6. Please consider submitting your published work to RIC's [Digital Commons](#). For most of your publications, copy right allows it. When in doubt – publish it, the worst thing can happen – the journal will send you a request to remove. Never happened to me, and I have a dozen papers there. But we will need samples of faculty publications for NCATE report, and the Digital Commons will be the best way to make them available. They are very friendly and help you do it.
7. Conferences can sometimes be exciting. I encourage you to look through the presentation on co-teaching, attached, by people from St. Cloud University in Minnesota. This is a genuinely new idea (although borrowed from Special Ed.) which can help us solving a lot of issues with student teaching placements. Research data they present is also very convincing. Please take a look! Eileen is also very interested, and we need a wider group to talk about it and to pilot.
8. July Horwitz calls your attention the Save our Schools March: <http://www.saveourschoolsmarch.org/>
9. If you teach or supervise seniors, encourage them to apply for 2011 [Rose Butler Browne Award](#)
10. And the blog "[The Evaluation Season](#)"

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