

## School of Education and Counseling's Transformations

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# Transformations

Highlighting the School of Education and Counseling of Purdue Northwest

## To a New Year!

Welcome back to bustling hallways and busy classrooms and a new year of learning. The beginning of the academic year is the perfect time to look at what is ahead and to share with you our plans for 2019 - 2020. This year, the School of Education and Counseling has adopted the theme TRANSFORMATION. Our

work as educators and counselors is inherently transformative and, we believe, the most powerful way to affect change.

Our motto “Transforming Education, Transforming You” expresses a commitment to creating and sustaining strong community partnerships, launching purposeful and impactful initiatives, and welcoming the new faculty and candidates joining the School.

We invite you to join us as we engage with our community partners, faculty colleagues and, most importantly, our candidates to transform education and transform you.

-Dr. Anne Gregory, SoEC Director

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## Welcome to our new Tenure Track and Visiting Faculty!

- **Vincent Marasco** - Assistant Professor in Counselor Education, primary focus Clinical Mental Health from Idaho State University
- **Injung Lee** - Assistant Professor in Counselor Education, primary focus School Counseling from University of Iowa
- **Patrick Keegan** - Assistant Professor of Education: Social Studies and Multicultural Education from New York University
- **Jennifer Jones** - Assistant Professor of Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention from University of Utah
- **Shannon Wood** - Visiting Assistant Professor
- **Pat Williams-Boyd** - Visiting Assistant Professor
- **Danielle Starks** - Visiting Assistant Professor
- **Jackie Skaggs** - Visiting Assistant Professor

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*School of Education and Counseling students had the opportunity to study abroad in Italy in May. One of the students, Bailey Bristley, a student in our Early Childhood program, shared a little about her experience.*

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What an amazing experience I had going to Italy! I enjoyed every moment, from riding the gondolas in Venice to visiting the Colosseum in Rome! Not only did I enjoy the attractions, but the various schools we visited along the way. From one of the oldest universities in the world, to the primary schools, to our quick trip out to Reggio Emilia to visit the Loris Malaguzzi Center. My trip to Italy has truly influenced me as a future educator. Going to different primary schools and seeing how the schools were the same and different compared to here in the United States. It gave me a better understanding of the school system in Italy and how they may teach differently based on their culture. I got to meet various students from all over, such as Russia and Pakistan. Seeing that these students came from completely different backgrounds in a learning environment enhanced my knowledge on intercultural learning and teaching that I can apply as a future educator!

This experience changed my world and educational perspective. After visiting the Loris Malaguzzi Center I got to learn more in depth about The Reggio Emilia Approach and how I can apply that in a preschool/primary class setting. In addition, my world perspective changed as well. During the trip, we visited several different historical buildings and landmarks. One of my favorite places, Vatican City, that included the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. This experience more specifically changed my perspective of religion, artwork, and history. Italy is filled with wonderful historical monuments. To see them in person and experience the culture and history was truly amazing! This was an once-in-a-lifetime experience. I will never forget this experience and hope to carry the knowledge I gained and apply it to my

teaching strategies. Not only did I get a better understanding on teaching practices in Italy but I gained forever friendships with the same passion as me, children! I hope to see future trips like this, I think everyone should experience a study abroad trip at least once!

**YOU, too, can travel abroad with the School of Education and Counseling!**

Upcoming trips to Finland (March 14 – 22) and Italy (May 15 – 22) are open to all PNW students and alumni.

Find out more information about the trips here:

<https://www.pnw.edu/education-abroad/>

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Please join us!

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# Spotlight

Highlighting Faculty Research in the School of Education and Counseling

During the 2019 – 2020 academic year, the School of Education and Counseling will host the series “Spotlight: Highlighting Faculty Research in the School of Education and Counseling.” We are excited to introduce research from our SoEC faculty to our colleagues, education and counseling candidates, as well as the PNW community. Each session will be 45 minutes long: a 20-25 minute research presentation followed by time for questions.

Save the following dates for the upcoming presentations.

Wednesday, October 9th - Hammond

Wednesday, November 13th - Westville

Wednesday, February 12th - Hammond

Wednesday, March 11th - Westville

Wednesday, April 8th - Hammond

Visit [pnw.edu/education/spotlight](https://pnw.edu/education/spotlight) for more information!

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