



# My Experiences as a Transatlantic GEDS Fellow at the UNC-CH Aug 20 – Dec 20



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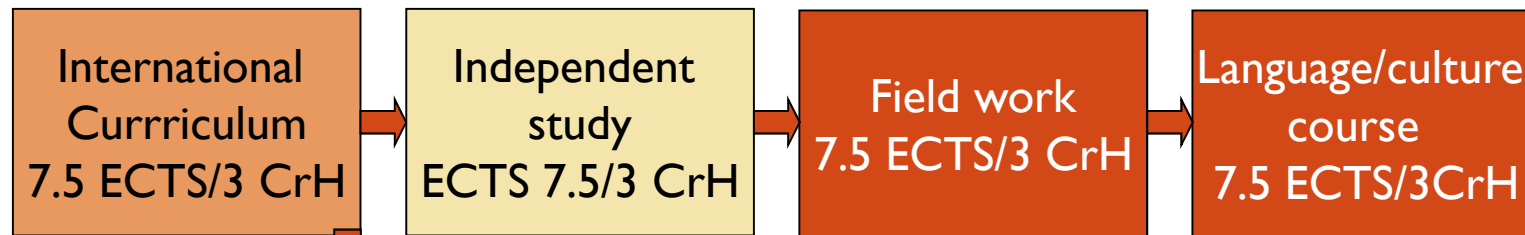


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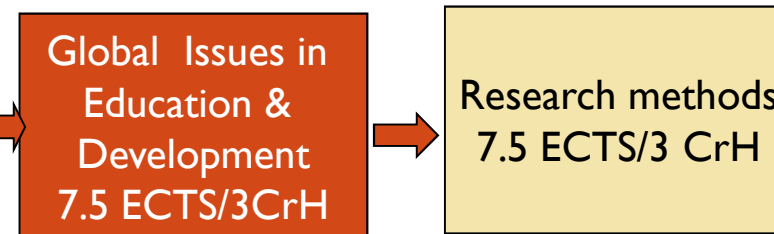


# Graduate Concentration in Global Education and Developmental Studies

## Transatlantic requirements



## Home university requirements





# International curriculum

## Web-seminar replacement

- ✓ Family and teams: Interdisciplinary and sociocultural perspectives
- ✓ Doctoral seminars in Early Childhood, Intervention, and Literacy
- ✓ SPSS – secondary data from Durham schools

This semester (Spring 2010)

- *Child Development and Disability*  
Rune Simeonsson



# Independent study - plans

- Study 1 – article submitted
- Study 2 – ongoing data analysis and manuscript
- Study 3 – IRB-application and data collection
- Study 4 - trying to know about method (Delphi)

Kirsten Ellingsen – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill –  
Ph.D. in School Psychology (Neuropsychology Track)

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## Web-based Basic Course in Ethics

# IRB - Institutional Review Board

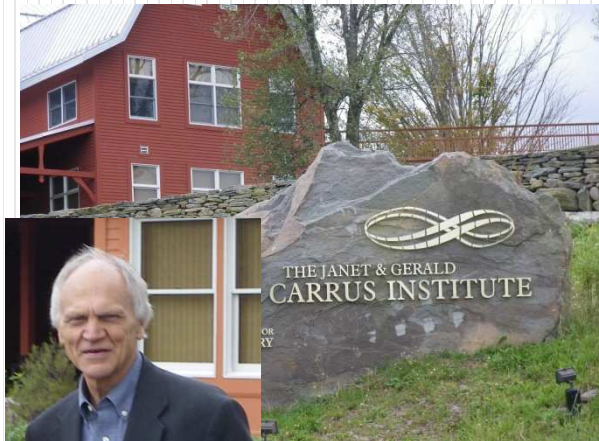
## Human Research Curriculum

- ✓ History and Ethical Principles
- ✓ Basic IRB Regulations and Review Process
- ✓ Informed Consent
- ✓ Social and Behavioral Research
- ✓ Records-Based Research
- ✓ Workers as Research Subjects
- ✓ Conflicts of Interest in Research Involving Subjects
- ✓ Privacy and Confidentiality

# Field work



- ✓ Center of Discovery
- ✓ Family Support Network,
- ✓ Center for Development and Learning
- ✓ Project Enlightenment - HIPPA



# Language/Culture course at UNC-CH

## **Communicating in the American Classroom**

The Graduate School

Instructor Brian Rybarczyk, Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant Sharon LaBurt Shofer

5-6 students

**Two times a week, 50 min each time**



# Course Goals



- Practice English pronunciation and grammar
- Learn about cross-cultural differences in educational settings
- Develop cross-cultural communication skills
- Practice teaching techniques and interacting with American students
- Empower and build confidence in the classroom as an effective teaching assistant (TA)

# Points about the course...

- A variety of methods
  - Case studies
  - Multimedia
  - Discussions
  - Peer assessments and feedback
- A broad content
  - Blooms taxonomy- learning objectives
  - Organizational cues
  - Hooks and scaffolding
  - Interaction with students
  - Manner of speaking
  - Conversation Log



# Assignments

- **Microteaching**
  - Define a term
  - Explaining a visual
  - Teaching a process
- **Observe a classroom situation**
- **Interview an experienced teaching assistant (TA)**
- **Discuss with TA, undergraduate student, others ( $\geq 8$  h)**





**THE WRITING CENTER**  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

## Writing course

### The Writing Center

- a free service available to students, faculty, and staff at **UNC-CH**
- tutors from a variety of academic disciplines -specially trained in teaching writing.
- work at the center once a week.

# The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science



<http://www.irss.unc.edu/odum/jsp/home.jsp>

# Finances (Oct)



Scholarship 5000 EURO (≈ 7200 USD)		Expenses (USD)
	Visa	175
	Remittance fee (I-901)	180
	Insurance	555
	International flight	2200
	Lodging	2100
	National flights	420
	Course material	≈370
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>≈6000</b>

# Need of support



- ✓ Professor
  - GEDS
  - Academic questions
- ✓ Office assistant
  - Registration
  - Administrative questions
- ✓ Student
  - Classes
  - Every day practical questions

# For coming GEDS students - UNC-CH



- Support at the university
  - Professors
  - Office assistant
  - Student
- Information at PingPong
  - How to apply for US visa
  - Good-to-know for GEDS students
    - travelling
    - arrival
    - registration – ISSS
    - enroll courses
    - lodging
    - To-do's
  - Information for international visitors
    - resources
    - culture
    - experiences



# Now we are three Fellows Sharing Experience from the UNC-CH

**Margareta Adolfsson**

**Susana Castro**



**Monica Maia**

<http://geds-chapelhill.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.unc.edu/>