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## Fourth Doctoral Cluster from Puerto Rico and first from Colombia to start this Fall

This fall marks the beginning of the fourth group of Doctoral Students from Puerto Rico and the very first group from Colombia. They are pursuing the Doctoral Program in Education with a concentration in Instructional Technology and Distance Education.-ITDE. These three-year programs are each implemented in collaboration with Universidad del Este in San Juan, Puerto Rico and Universidad Nacional Abierta a Distancia (UNAD) in Bogotá, Colombia.

The programs will be delivered in a cluster format, with courses delivered in a blended fashion, combining face-to-face meetings in the U.S. and Puerto Rico or Colombia, as well as online delivery through the NSU online platform that uses the latest technology and programs to make the distance education experience more effective and enjoyable.

One of the most important features of this program is that it is delivered entirely in Spanish, thus providing an educational option that reaches a population that would like to pursue a higher education degree in their native language. "This is a unique program that will enable graduates to apply the theoretical, conceptual, and practical knowledge obtained from their courses and research directly to their work settings. We are honored to be able to offer this program to the Puerto Rican and Colombian communities and hope this degree continues to enhance the professional lives of those attending the program now and in the future" says Dr. Anthony J. DeNapoli, Dean of International Affairs at the Fischler School of Education and Human Services.

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## ITDE at the NECC and IDLA conferences



Drs. John Drewes and  
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Dr. Michael Simonson  
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## Fourth Doctoral Cluster...continued

These groups constitute two more links in the long chain of academic programs that have been established by the Office of International Affairs in the last year, and they continue to be of real importance for the growth and advancement of the NSU's offerings throughout the world.

## ITDE New Faculty Profiles:

### Drs. Javier Garcia-Calvo and Mauro Hernandez



#### Javier García-Calvo, Ed.D.

Javier, a native of Venezuela, now lives in Spain, where he is Director of Studies at a Language Academy in Madrid and he also works as ICT Consultant for Berlitz Schools. In Venezuela, he coordinated the Information and Technology Center at the School of Education, Universidad Central de Venezuela. Javier received his Ed.D. in Instructional Technology and Distance Education from NSU in 2003. He teaches

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#### Mauro J. Hernandez, Ed.D.

Mauro recently retired after 22 years as a professor at the Universidad Centro - Occidental, in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, where he taught courses in database management systems, object oriented programming languages, and software engineering.

He earned all his degrees in the United States: a BS in computer science from Western Kentucky University, an MS in Management Information Systems from Southern Illinois University, and an Ed.D. in Instructional Technology and Distance Education from NSU, where he now teaches ITDE's Instructional Media course for Latin American clusters. Mauro, who is married and the father of three boys, lives in Barquisimeto "in a gorgeous house populated with antiques from all around Latin America." His email address is [maurhern@nova.edu](mailto:maurhern@nova.edu)

## Friends of ITDE News



★ **Barry Barker, Ed.D. '00**, is involved with the following:

August 3-11: The Great Siwa oasis expedition in Egypt. It's hot, but dry! And it's an adventure. Nights are mild and afternoon activities are minimized. We may even have an invitation from Dubai for two nights' extension. Additional time can be spent exploring Cairo and Giza. August 12-18: Ecuador Cloud Forest Photographic Project.

<http://www.wildspotsfoundation.org/banos.html#etripsummary>

September 17-27: Panda Volunteer Program in Chengdu, China. Click here for or more information:

<http://www.wildspotsfoundation.org/china.html>

## Friends of ITDE Lost and Found

Help us locate ITDE Alumni who have not updated their contact information, but would still like to hear from us! Let us know and we'll send you an NSU alumni item to thank you.



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## Friends of ITDE News...continued

★ **Risa Blair, Ed.D. '06**, presented the following at the EISTA 2007 International Conference: "Chatter that Matters: Using Voice Communication in Online Learning." Click here for conference information: <http://www.cyber-inf.org/imsci2007/website/default.asp?vc=5>. Dr. Blair presented with Dr. Buford "Mac" McWright and ITDE's very own Dr. Jared Bucker.

★ **Dawn Brown - Cross, PT, Ed.D. '00**, has recently completed a 3-year term on the American Physical Therapy Association's Annual Conference Planning Committee and a 4-year term as the Director of Cultural Diversity for the Florida Physical Therapy Association. Dr. Brown-Cross recently became certified as a Lymphedema Therapist, and is currently an Associate Professor and the Curriculum Chair for the Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Nova Southeastern University.

★ **A. Jared Bucker, Ph.D., ITDE Program Professor** - recently published :  
\*Briggs, J. & **Bucker, A. J.** (in press). An economic model for evaluating costs and benefits of distance education programs. In Rogers, P., Berg, G, Boettcher, J., Howard, C., Justice, L., & Schenk, K (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of distance and online learning*, IGI Global, New York, NY.  
\***Bucker, A. J.** (June, 2007). Qualitative content analysis of electronic communications of Italian students using distance learning technologies. National Conference on Ethnographic and Qualitative Research in Education, Cedarville, OH.

Dr. Bucker was also identified by Dr. H. Wells Singleton, Education Provost and University Dean of FSEHS, as the Faculty Highlight of the Week for NSU's new SharkTube. SharkTubes flat-screen televisions, located in various buildings on campus and feature 15 minute programming that will continuously loop, and will change every week.

★ **Fabian Cone, Ed.D. '97**, recently assumed the position as Dean of Education for the Graduate Education Program in Instructional Technology at American InterContinental University. Dr. Cone oversees the graduate education program and all the general education classes. Dr. Cone was also promoted as of last year as the Principal at Sanders Park Elementary in Pompano Beach, Florida where he moved the school from a double D school to an A, according to Florida's A+ Plan. Sanders Park had the highest learning gains in math in Broward County and ranked number 11th in the state of Florida. Dr. Cone was featured in both the Broward section of the Miami Herald and Sun-Sentinel on Saturday, June 30, 2007. Learn more here: Sun-Sentinel: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/broward/sfl-flbgrades0630nbjun30.1,7042515.story?ctrack=1&cset=true>; Miami Herald <http://www.miamiherald.com/295/story/156273.html>.

★ **Debra Maddox, Ed.D. '99**, has been selected as a peer reviewer for the MERLOT Journal of Online Teaching and Learning (JOLT). Dr. Maddox was also named to the Ashford University Provost's Circle for Quarter 2 2007 for having the highest overall student course evaluation for Psychology 202 from all sections on campus and online.

## Contribute to the Friends of ITDE Newsletter

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