

WinkWorld August/September 2010

Hello Friends and welcome back to school. I wish you the very best year possible. In this issue of *WinkWorld*, I will share:

- the work of a group of international educators from The College of New Jersey, Mallorca Global Education program, July 2010;
- my first class agenda for my Fall 2010 online hybrid class from CSU Stanislaus;
- first day of school
- family photos;
- and, news of the release of the new 4th edition of *Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World*.



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Magic Happens: This Time in Mallorca

It's true, a bit of magic happened again: This time on the island of Mallorca, which is a Spanish state in the Mediterranean. As I reflect back on this group of teachers, I see their strength was their diversity and their collaborative approach to learning and life. The 24 students in class spoke 28 different languages and lived in a total of 34 different countries.

This group truly lived the Mark Twain belief that, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely—broad, wholesome, charitable views—can not be acquired by vegetating in one's little corner of earth (1869)." Thank you to Karalee Ruelas for bringing that quotation to my attention at the very moment I needed it.

The Story of Zhanna

Zhanna, in many ways, was a symbol for me of not only the diversity of our class, but also the collaborative nature of the group. First, Zhanna grew up in Kazakhstan; as a young woman she came to Mississippi and married a young Mississippian; they now live and work in India.

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/5487.htm>

<http://www.kazakhstan.com/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kazakhstan>

Zhanna's lived experiences were very diverse, and her perspective very broad: She represented the diversity of experiences, perspectives, and talents, which filled our class.

On the 2nd day of class, she came to school on crutches after hurting her ankle as she played ball on the beach with her family. Throughout the remainder of our class session, she was unable to move around well. I always noticed that the entire class immediately and consistently collaborated so that Zhanna always had the physical help getting to all summer school and class events.

Zhanna and her Mississippian husband have the most beautiful young boy, Dylan, who came to our class almost daily.



<http://www.islamicity.com/culture/taj/default.htm>
<http://www.taj-mahal.net/>

Our class, ESLM 587



Our class sign was posted right beside the GENTS' room, which made us smile every day as we walked by en route to our classroom. On the last day of class, we all crammed in the GENTS for another group photo.



In what follows, I will share two of their group projects.

First, Eduardo from Brazil and Toni from Poland, created this YouTube feature in 4 days, even though neither one of them had any experience with this form of media. The class surprised me with this video, capturing our learning, on the last day of class when it had already been posted on YouTube.

<http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=f3qzR8gUmWQ&feature=related>

For future reference, you only need to search YouTube with the following descriptors: Joan Wink, or you can type in The Link to Wink - TCNJ Mallorca Summer 2010.

Tor from Norway, Vici from Hong King, and Jessica from New Jersey led the entire class in the creation of a website representing each student, their languages and countries, and the relationship of GNP to literacy in each of these countries. Nirav from New Jersey served as the "glue" which linked all student projects into one meaningful thematic celebration of curriculum.

tcnj.weebly.com

In this website, you will meet Zhanna, Eduardo, Toni, Tor, Vici, Jessica, and Nirav, in addition to every other student. I only regret that *WinkWorld* is not large enough for me to write about each and every one of these students who helped create the magic of Mallorca for all of us.

For many in the United States, the use of the term, all American, probably still conjures up images of kids who might look like my grandkids. However, Nirav from New Jersey, symbolized for me, what it means to be all American in the 21st century. Meet Nirav in front of the famed Mallorca Cathedral.



For other photos of places around Mallorca, visit http://www.aroundmallorca.com/business-details.php?business_id=6&bt=tourist_attractions

For more information on The College of New Jersey Global Education program in Mallorca, go to <http://www.tcnj.edu/~graduate/global/europe.html>

For more photos of the island and the students, you can visit my FaceBook pages. Scroll

down to July 7, 11, 12, 13, 18, 25. In addition, my friend, Lindsay, also sent me great photos, which you will find on my pages.

Agenda for My First Week of School

This is the agenda, which I posted for the first day of class on Blackboard and on Elluminate. Enjoy.

1. Check into Blackboard (Bb) Monday or Tuesday. Look around Bb.
2. Breathe in. Breathe out.
3. Find your TEAM on Bb. Your task is to take good care of each other all semester. Talk to each other in the Forum, which I made for each TEAM.
4. Check into Elluminate. Play. Explore. Scream.
<http://www.elluminate.com/Support/>
5. Get a copy of Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World. 4/e. Sit down. Kick back. Read 3 pages from anywhere in the book.
6. Visit www.JoanWink.com - explore. Check out FREE TO A GOOD HOME.
7. Post your first cyberspace page or ppt. slide by Saturday, 28th.
8. If you have to drop, please tell me in a private email.
9. Go for a walk. Talk with family/friends. Laugh.
10. Trust yourself.



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First Day of School in South Dakota August 2010

The School





And, over the hill, we heard a whoop and a holler

Yes, they road their horses to school.



They played on the slide.

They came running when the bell rang.



They lined up.

They put their clean, new backpacks in their cubbies,



and, the school year began.

A previous kids/horses story can be found at:
Black Stallion Literacy Project in Tucson AZ
WinkWorld April 2006
<http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2006/news0406-bstallion.php>

First Day of School in Idaho



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First Day of School in New Mexico



Ta-da! My New Book Is Available [Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World, 4/e](#)

This link has the new Table of Contents and takes you right to Amazon.

Or

Pearson

<http://www.pearsonhighered.com/product?ISBN=0137028733>

Notes from the Real World For those of you, who are long time readers of WinkWorld, I notice that more and more I tend to use FaceBook for the anecdotal stories of daily life on the ranch. However, last month on *WinkWorld*, I shared some photos of the grands in Idaho, and this month I will share photos of the grands in New Mexico.

Day before first day of school:

A new use for zucchini with oldest grandson



Night before school: Puppy Love



First Day of School in NM



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