



The Spectrum Institute for Teaching and Learning

Buckeystown, MD

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Call for Literature

The Institute is committed to continuously updating the Spectrum research literature. You are cordially invited to submit your Spectrum research for inclusion on the website. Please use the form on the Literature page to submit your Spectrum research and articles.

We also would like to invite our colleagues to contribute Spectrum news, information or upcoming events for future newsletters. Please send your comments to the address above with "STLI Newsletter" as the subject line.

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1st SITL Conference, March 2007

The first project organized by the newly created Spectrum Institute was a three-day conference for North American physical educators. Twenty-two veteran and new generation Spectrum colleagues from across the U.S. and Canada participated in this conference at the Institute's new center in Buckeystown, Maryland. The agenda included presentations about Spectrum issues in research and scholarship, teacher education, implementation practices from veteran Spectrum colleagues, and discussions on the future of physical education and the Spectrum. Conversation also included the direction and focus for the Institute's future role and activities in continuing to establish a Spectrum international community. Our first Spectrum website was introduced. As a result of our discussions, the following list of projects were produced for future Spectrum Institute development:

1. Archival projects to preserve old Spectrum papers and videos
2. Web site
3. Video production including:
 - a. A tribute to Muska Mosston
 - b. Theory overview
 - c. Individual style episodes
 - d. Classroom episodes
 - e. Subject matter episodes
4. Production of online courses
5. Research Issues
 - a. Identification of relevant topics for research
 - b. Research to show the integration among other ideas in education to the Spectrum
6. Organize individual and group conferences
 - a. Maryland
 - b. Florida
7. Publications
 - a. Obtain the copyright for Teaching Physical Education
 - b. Provide an online edition of Teaching Physical Education to reduce the cost and the wait time for obtaining this text
 - c. Publish the new edition of the Spectrum book that is directed to all fields, not just physical education
8. Tutorial opportunities for study
 - a. Create short-term and long-term opportunities for Spectrum study at the center for
 - Graduate student opportunities
 - National and international colleagues



The participants included: Sara Ashworth-Lankler (Spectrum Institute), Beth Buekema (Johnson and Wales University), Mark Byra (University of Wyoming), Fran Cleland Donnelly (West Chester University), Matthew Curtner-Smith (University of Alabama), Michele DiCorcia (Rowan University), Arnold Dort (Rowan University), Phil Gerney (Cheltenham, PA schools), Billy Gober (Sportime Inc.), Cindy Gober (Sportime Inc.), Mike Goldberger (James Madison University), John Helion (West Chester University), Caroline Kuchinski (East Stroudsburg University), Hugues LeBlanc (Universite d'Sherbrooke), Bob Martin (Salisbury State University), Peter Rattigan (Rowan University), Vincent Saele (Johnson and Wales University).

In addition to veteran Spectrum folks, the following graduate students also attended: Kanae Haneishi (Smith College), Jon Mungen (University of Wisconsin), Yoonsin Oh (University of Wisconsin).

It was a wonderful weekend that included scholarship, camaraderie, and gourmet food!

NASPE Teacher Of the Year Workshop, June 2007

Thirteen people attended a conference sponsored by SporTime at the Spectrum Institute's in Buckeystown. The goal of the conference was to continue to offer support to the newly elected NASPE Teachers of the Year (TOYs) as they prepared their workshop lessons, while introducing them to the Spectrum. Drs. Sue Mueller and Caroline Kuchinski, from East Stroudsburg University, Fran Cleland, from West Chester University, and Sara Ashworth, from the Spectrum Institute and Florida Atlantic University, coordinated the event. Each TOY has a year long responsibility to conduct various presentations and workshops integrating NASPE standards into the sessions. Successfully implementing NASPE standards requires teachers to expand their range of teaching styles. The conference introduced teachers to the notion of the Spectrum's alternative teaching styles from Command to Discovery.

The following TOYs participated:

Nancy Rud Gordon - National Adapted
Ulrike Kerstges - Elementary District
Cindy Lins - 2005 Elementary
Maggie Montefeltri - Middle School District
Emily Pharez - National MS
Pam Powers - SporTime Sales Rep
Susan Schultz - Middle School District
Lynn Srull - Middle School District
Linda Tippeconnie - Middle School District
Deb Walter - National HS



Special thanks go to Pam Powers from SporTime and Diane Raynes from NASPE for their participation and support in organizing this conference.

1st International Spectrum Workshop Halkidiki, Greece, September 2007

The Spectrum held its first international conference at the 12th European Congress of Sport Psychology. Thanks to the organization of Dr Nikolaos Diglidis, we were able to join the FEPSAC conference for this international opportunity to meet old and new Spectrum colleagues.

The intent of this workshop was to gain an international perspective about the use and implementation of the Spectrum of Teaching Styles. One of the primary goals of the Spectrum Institute is to create a community of colleagues who desire a more systematic investigation of and collaborative relationship with the Spectrum. This first international conference offered such an experience. Although participants were from various countries, they shared a common pedagogical language - the Spectrum. The conference provided the opportunity for colleagues from around the world to gather, share, review, clarify and expand Spectrum knowledge, and to connect with others for collaborative research possibilities. Participants and presenters included:

- Sara Ashworth, USA
- Andreas Avgerinos, Greece
- Vassilis Barkoukis, Greece
- Minna Blomqvist, Finland
- Mark Byra, USA
- Meichi Chen, Taiwan
- Huseyin Coskun, Turkey
- Nikolaos Diglidis, Greece
- Mizios Dimitris, Greece
- Fran Cleland Donnelly, USA
- Frederik Gobbels, Netherland
- Marios Goudas, Greece
- Anastasia Karageorgou, Greece
- Vassiliki Kontodimaki, Greece
- Maria Kyriazi, Greece
- Caroline Kuchinski, USA
- Kaisu Mononen, Finland
- Kevin Morgan, UK
- Costas Moundakis, Greece
- Suzanne Mueller, USA
- Julia Mutafova-Zaberska, Bulgaria
- Pipsa Nieminen, Finland
- Athanasios Papaioannou, Greece
- John Todorovich, USA

Special thanks to Dr. Yiannis Theodorakis for his support in including our Spectrum workshop in the Congress program.

University of West Florida Conference, July 2007

Sara was invited to be the keynote speaker at the University of West Florida, Physical Education Summer Institute. The theme for the summer institute was “Teaching Styles in Physical Education.” In addition to the keynote, Dr. Ashworth also conducted two 3-hour activity sessions presenting selected Spectrum teaching styles. Five UWF students assisted in this workshop presentation by designing active lessons for the participants to experience the essences of the different styles. The students’ willingness to prepare and apply their Spectrum knowledge to different PE activities and their contagious energy made these multiple sessions a success. Many thanks go to Andrea, Danny, Frank, James, and Sarah. It was a joy working with them. Dr. Stu Ryan, the former chair, is a former Spectrum student of Dr. Beverly Yerg from Florida State University. Dr. John Torodorovich, the current chair and organizer of the Summer Institute, studied the Spectrum at the University of Alabama and taught at the University of Wyoming with Dr. Mark Brya, an active Spectrum Institute colleague and researcher.



The Buckeystown Facility

The SITL has conference facilities located at Alexanders in Buckeystown, MD. Buckeystown is easily accessible from either Washington, DC or Baltimore, MD. In addition to a historic house where gourmet meals are prepared, the facility has 15 rooms and a conference center and lots of open space.

