Center Manager Graduates
On May 14, 2016 the University of Massachusetts Lowell held its annual graduation ceremonies. Among graduates was CPE’s Center Manager, Shanna Rose Thompson. Pictured below are CPE Director, Jill Lohmeier and the new Dr. Thompson.

2-day workshop on Digital Tools for Qualitative Research & a 1-day workshop on Analyzing Online Conversations: A Research Framework as part of the 13th annual Qualitative Research Summer Intensive in Chapel Hill, NC, July 25-29.

Detailed course descriptions are here: http://researchtalk.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Course-Desc_Bios-2016-QRSI-12-12.pdf

You can access a 15% discount on registration here: https://trenapaulus.me/2016/05/24/join-us-at-qrsi/

CPE Welcomes Two New Students
Jill Ramey and Maxwell Nutter Join CPE Staff for Summer

Jill Ramey is a doctoral student in the Research and Evaluation program. She is also the K-8 English Language Arts Instructional Coach at the Timony Grammar School in Methuen, MA. Max is a sophomore Chemical Engineering Major here at UMass Lowell, with a minor in STEM Teaching through the UTeach program.
Research Courses Being Offered this Fall

Program Evaluation in Practice

This course has two interrelated objectives. First, the course provides an introduction to the field of program evaluation (“programs” might be curriculum innovations, school reorganizations, teacher training reforms, instructional methods innovations, funding programs, or programs in the health or welfare areas). Those taking the course will be introduced to the history of the field, the basic concepts, and the key aspects of designing and conducting an evaluation.

Second, an important part of learning evaluation is to actually do one. Participants will be asked to conceptualize, design, and conduct, on a small scale, an evaluation with at least some form of developing an instrument, collecting data, analyzing data, reporting preliminary findings, and making recommendations if applicable. Through this hands-on experience, participants are to develop practical skills involved in doing an evaluation.

Pre-requisite: Students should have basic trainings in research methods (quantitative or qualitative) and have some data analytic skills. In addition, students should have something they want to evaluate (in other words, have a client in mind).

Advanced Qualitative Research

The overall goal of this class is to take students beyond the first steps of qualitative research design and methods to develop a sophisticated understanding of emerging issues in qualitative research AND further methodological goals for future dissertation work. Students will be exposed to a wide range of new ideas, strategies, and theoretical approaches at the cutting edge of qualitative research. Each student will identify key methodological issues needed for their own dissertation work, undertake investigation of these concerns, and share their results with class members. Throughout the course, students will push the boundaries of digital tools to assist research scholarship.

Pre-requisites: All students enrolling in this class must have successfully completed one formal qualitative research class, preferably at the doctoral level. Students who have not taken the GSE 07.704 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods prior to enrolling for the class must receive instructor permission.

CPE Summer Interdisciplinary Workshops

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Faculty/Staff: To register for any or all of the workshops go to workshop registration at https://www.uml.edu/IT/
Students: To register for any or all of the workshops, please email us at cpe@uml.edu