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Summer 2012 Alumni Update

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MEMP in Southeast Asia

Dr. Fox and Bridget Fletcher will be in Southeast Asia in late September. While there, they will be visiting:

Singapore
Kuala Lumpur
Bangkok
Hong Kong

Job Searching?

Looking for a new position? The [MEMP Alumni LinkedIn](#) group is the place to look for positions targeted at MEMP alumni. Check out the postings today by joining this group.

Alumni Website

The Duke MEMP [website](#) is new and improved and now features a dedicated page for our alumni! Visit the site today to read more about our wonderful alumni, find out about upcoming events, and even submit changes to your contact information.

MEMP 15th Anniversary Tour

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the MEM program. In honor of this anniversary, the MEMP team will be traveling the country and celebrating with you, our alumni. At this point in time, we plan to be in the following locations:

The Triangle -- October 25th, 2012

The event will be held from 5:30-7:30 PM at [Mez in Durham](#) with a short program update at 6 PM. Feel free to drop by whenever you can! If possible, please RSVP to [Jenny Johnson](#).

Washington, DC -- October 2012

Richmond, VA -- October 2012

New York City, NY -- November 2012

Philadelphia, PA -- November 2012

Boston, MA -- December 2012

Florida (city, TBA) -- January 2013

Nashville, TN -- February 2013

Atlanta, GA -- March 2013

Texas (city, TBA) -- March 2012

San Francisco, CA -- April 2013

Seattle, WA -- April 2013

Chicago, IL -- April 2013

Charlotte, NC -- June 2013

We welcome all MEMP alumni to any and all of the events. Stay tuned for more details on exact dates and locations.

MEMP In China

This past spring we sent two of our staff members, Assistant Director of Student Services, Bridget Fletcher, and Associate Director, La Tondra Murray, to China and Hong Kong. Our network allowed us to create an itinerary that increased our direct contact with alumni in China, enhanced the pre-arrival MEMP experience for incoming students, and provided many opportunities to meet with prospective students and faculty at selected universities. We hosted successful events in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. As a result we welcomed a very informed group of new Chinese students in mid-August and hope to receive applications from highly qualified students for the 2013-2014 academic year.



Additionally, this trip allowed Bridget Fletcher to conduct primary research interviews with incoming MEMP students still in China in support of her master's thesis which focuses on the Chinese student acclimation process in American graduate schools. The goal is for Bridget's research to help the MEMP create and provide information that will be specifically targeted to address incoming Chinese student needs and concerns.

A big thanks to all of the alumni that helped us put this trip together and showed us the sights, sounds, and tastes of China!



2011 Engineering Management Educator Award

The Duke MEM Program is proud to announce Dr. Brad Fox has been awarded the 2011 Engineering Management Educator of the Year by the IEEE Technology Management Council. The award is given, "For leadership in the development of engineering management education, including; curricular development, enhanced opportunities for working professionals, increased societal/industry awareness, and development of best practices through multi-university collaboration." Congratulations to Dr. Fox!

Alumni Profile Kay Chau (MEM 2004)

Current Position: Technical Product Manager - Grameen Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Previous Positions: Senior Business Analyst, Premera Blue Cross; Senior Software Developer and Product Analyst, SumTotal Systems

How have you leveraged your MEM degree? I was able to transition more quickly into a Product Management role from a pure Software Development role because of my MEM degree. The classes I took, especially the electives that allowed me to apply what I learned to real-world business situations, helped prepare me for my current job and I still use the skills I learned today.

How have other MEM alumni played into your work experiences? My first job after graduating was with a fellow alumnus! Also, since we work in similar fields, we continue to share our current work experiences and learn from each other as we advance in our careers.

How have you stayed involved with the MEM program and/or how do you hope to in the future? I attend local Duke Alumni events from time to time - it's always interesting to hear what others are up to now from the program. I was also excited to meet up with Dr. Jeff Glass both times he was in Seattle. It was great to not only hear about the current MEM program but also catch up with him and other MEM alumni in the area.

What advice would you have for recent alums who are entering the workforce? Always continue to strive for getting your dream job, especially if it's something you feel passionately about, even if it might not be possible right away. Look for any and all opportunities that will help you get there. You can and will learn with every job you have - it's what you make of and take away from these opportunities that will enable you to achieve your goals.

