A little bragging …

- EDMS programs are recognized as some of the best in the world (even though “official” rankings do not exist)
- EDMS has outstanding advisors who tailor programs to meet students’ needs as much as possible
- EDMS faculty are renowned researchers in our field
- EDMS students receive some of the most intensive methodological training anywhere
- EDMS students have abundant research opportunities and experiences and strong presence at conferences
- EDMS offers teaching opportunities for those interested
- EDMS has a strong record of student awards, internships, and placement in good positions upon graduation
Key Contacts

**Downstairs (1st Floor, 1230)**
- Dr. Gregory R. Hancock (ghancock@umd.edu)
  - Program Director and Director of Graduate Studies

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  - Financial Services

EDMS Faculty

- **Gregory R. Hancock**
  - Professor
  - Ph.D., Univ. of Washington

- **Jeffrey R. Harring**
  - Associate Professor
  - Ph.D., Univ. of Minnesota

- **Hong Jiao**
  - Associate Professor
  - Ph.D., Florida State Univ.

- **Laura M. Stapleton**
  - Associate Professor
  - Ph.D., U. of Maryland

- **Tracy Sweet**
  - Assistant Professor
  - Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon

- **Ji Seung Yang**
  - Assistant Professor
  - Ph.D., UCLA
EDMS Faculty (retired)

George B. Macready
Professor (retired)
Ph.D., Univ. of Minnesota

Robert W. Lissitz
Professor (retired)
Ph.D., Syracuse University

Students – Who Are You?

U-PASS
(EDMS Graduate Student Organization)

Huili Liu
(Chair)

EDMS website
www.education.umd.edu/EDMS

EDMS conference room
1230F Benjamin (sign up sheet on door)

EDMS Psychometric Computation and Simulation Lab
(Dr. Harring, Director)
0108N Cole

Resources
Psychometric Computation and Simulation Laboratory

Student Conduct

- **Register** - register early each semester; otherwise, courses get cancelled or you may not get in
- **Attend** - attend Monday Symposium in Measurement & Statistics (MSMS), dissertation defenses, UPASS meetings
- **Act with Courtesy** - when in Cole office space
- **Provide** - your picture and bio for the EDMS student webpage
- **Refrain** - from using office copy machine
- **Review** - Code of Academic Integrity (http://www.shc.umd.edu)

Student support (I)

- Whenever possible, discuss issues **directly with the faculty member involved** - our faculty are always willing to chat
- Discuss issues **confidentially** with the Director of Graduate Studies (Dr. Gregory Hancock or Dr. Min Wang on the HD side)
- Discuss issues **confidentially** with the Program Director for EDMS (Dr. Gregory Hancock)
- Discuss issues **confidentially** with the Chair of the HDQM department (currently Dr. Nathan Fox interim chair)

You may also discuss issues **confidentially** with a student counselor/therapist at the **UMD Counseling Center** on campus:

http://www.counseling.umd.edu/Services/csservices.htm

Student support (II)

- If your math background is weak, work on some remediation early on (e.g., calculus, linear algebra). Consider courses in the Department of Statistics or the Joint Program for Survey Methodology on campus.
- If English is not your first language, find support early through supplementary language courses, tutors, and discussion groups with classmates – remember that writing different genres of texts is a critical part to success.
- If you are new to the academic world of graduate studies in general or in the U.S. specifically, read up on how to be a successful graduate student and attend "survival" courses for theses and dissertations offered on campus. Also read up on your rights and responsibilities using the Graduate Handbook of the Graduate School.
Opportunities and Possibilities…

- **Collaborate** with faculty on cutting-edge grant and research projects through independent studies and, if possible, through grant work
- **Give** presentations at national and international conferences
- **Publish** peer-reviewed articles before graduation
- **Publish** your dissertation in a leading journal in our field
- **Apply** for highly competitive summer internships (e.g., ETS, ACT, MCAT) once you are more advanced in your studies
- **Apply** for prestigious dissertation fellowships (e.g., UM/Wiley; AERA, Spencer, ETS Gulliksen) as soon as you are ready
- **Apply** for dissertation awards (AERA-D, NCME) once you have completed your dissertation
- **Get a great job in our field!**

A few of our recent Ph.D. graduates

- Min Liu, Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii
- Nidhi Kohli, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota
- Ru Lu, Associate Psychometrician, ETS
- Feifei Li, Associate Psychometrician, ETS
- Hsiu-Fei Wang, Assistant Professor, National Sun Yat-sen University
- Heather Buzlock, Associate Research Scientist, ETS
- Xiaodong Hou, Statistician/Econometrician, American Institutes of Research
- Yunyun Dai, Senior Researcher, CRESST at UCLA
- Youngmi Cho, Psychometrician, Pearson
- Jennifer Hamilton, Senior Study Director, Westat
- Marc Kroopnick, Senior Measurement Research Analyst, MCAT
- Dongyang Li, Psychometrician, Prometric
- Rochelle Tractenberg, Associate Professor, Georgetown University
- John Wasko, Senior Analyst, U.S. Army
- Brandi Weiss, Assistant Professor, George Washington University
- Jessica Mislevy, Research Social Scientist, SRI International
- Matthew Gushta, Director of Research and Psychometrics, Wireless Generation

How can I get the most out of EDMS?

- **Figure out and continually work on…**
  - your professional goals and desired timeline
  - holes in your background
  - how to create constructive opportunities for collaborative relationships with faculty and students

- **Then do a few things consistently….**
  - take charge and responsibility of your academic career
  - treat graduate school like your (fun) job
  - read. read. read.
  - write. write. write.
  - enjoy. enjoy. enjoy.

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**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!**