Interdisciplinary Studies - Colloquium

APRIL 16, 2010

1604 Campus – BB 2.06.04 / BB 2.06.12
12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM

Speaker Bios

Dr. Veronica Box - Mansilla, Principal Investigator in Project Zero, received her M. Ed and Ed.D in Education, Human Development and Psychology from Harvard University. She has been a principal investigator of the Interdisciplinary Studies Project at Project Zero since 2001. This multi-year, multi-pronged set of empirical studies, examines the cognitive, epistemic, social and emotional dimensions of interdisciplinary work, instruction and collaboration. Dr. Boix-Mansilla has been involved in a wide array of projects involving disciplinary understanding among students, higher level reasoning among adolescents, cross-discipline transferability among students, interdisciplinary assessment, and disciplinary importance in curriculum design in K-12 programs. Her recent work has been published in Educational Leadership, Journal of Learning Communities, & The Journal of Higher Education. Her latest project is, Latitude, Project Zero’s Latin American Initiative toward understanding and development. She serves as co-director of this initiative. She will give the Keynote Speech on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the University Room BB.2.06.04 and a Fireside Chat in BB 2.06.12 from 4 – 6 pm on Friday, April 16.

Dr. Marian Martinello, Professor Emeritus UTSA, received her bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Queens College of City University of New York. She earned her PhD from Columbia Teachers College in Curriculum & Instruction. She developed the Humanities Detective Model of Interdisciplinary Inquiry while a faculty at UTSA. She also co-developed and directed the IDS Program at UTSA for many years. Her publications include articles and books on inquiry learning and interdisciplinary teaching including the co-authored text, Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Teaching and Learning (Macmillan), with Gillian Cook. She has authored award-winning books for teachers and students on the history and cultures of Texas including her “search-for” books that detail the process of humanities detective work: The Search for Emma’s Story, The Search for Pedro’s Story, The Search for a Chili Queen. Dr Martinello retired from UTSA in May 2009 and is now the part-time Associate Dean for Research in the COEHD. Dr. Martinello will conduct a workshop (with Dr. Cook) on Humanities Detective Work for undergraduates and graduate students from 1 – 4 pm on Friday, April 16 in the University Room, BB 2.06.04.

Dr. Gillian Cook, Professor Emeritus UTSA received her B.A. in English from Sir Williams University, Montreal and her Ed.M and Ed.D in Learning Environments from Harvard University. She taught elementary, middle and high school in England, West Africa, Canada and the United States before taking a faculty position at UTSA in 1976. Dr. Cook, co-authored, Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Teaching and Learning (Macmillan) with Marian Martinello. Her scholarly articles have been published in journals such as: Primary Voices; Journal of Staff Development; Middle School Journal; Educational Forum; and English Education. Since her retirement in 1998, Dr. Cook has been privileged to maintain her academic interests in interdisciplinary study and leadership through her work with St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and the Institute of Texas Cultures. Dr. Cook will conduct a workshop (with Dr. Martinello) on Humanities Detective Work for undergraduates and graduate students from 1 – 4 pm on Friday, April 16 in the University Room, BB 2.06.04.