

THE SEMINAR SERIES

The Wayne State University College of Education is pleased to present this seminar series regarding issues related to innovative early childhood education theory, philosophy and practice, including the Reggio Emilia educational philosophy. This year, the series will focus on giving visibility to learning and relationships in educational communities in collaboration with children, educators and families. It is our hope to offer continuing education to professionals in all areas of early childhood education. Wayne State University credit and SB-CEUs are available for those attending one, two or three seminars of the series.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

8:00-9:00 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:15 am	Presentation-Part 1
10:15-10:30 am	Reflections/Q&A
10:30-10:45 am	Break
10:45-11:45 am	Presentation-Part 2
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Small Group Discussion
12:45-1:00 pm	Reflections/Q&A

Extended session for participants earning WSU credit or SB-CEUs:

1:00-1:15 pm	Break/Brown Bag Lunch (bring own)
1:15-1:45 pm	Presentation-Part 3
1:45-2:15 pm	Small Group Discussion
2:15-2:30 pm	Reflections/Q&A

SEMINAR LOCATION & PARKING

Wayne State University is located just north of downtown Detroit, easily accessible from all major highways. Maps and directions are available on the Wayne State University website [www.campusmap.wayne.edu]. All three seminars will be located at the Wayne State Student Center, which is located on Reuther Mall on the Main Campus. Participants can park in Parking Structure #2, just a short walk from the Student Center. Parking Structure #2 is accessible from the Lodge Service Drive/Kirby Avenue, where the visitor's entrance requires a \$5 credit card payment.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Inn on Ferry Street
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3000 Enterprise, Allen Park
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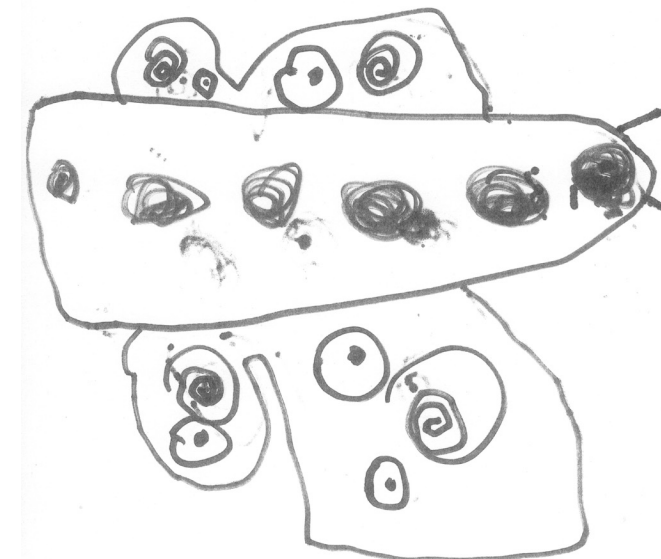
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THE SEMINAR SERIES SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10, 2011

"Where Shared Relationships and Learning Begin: Young Children, Their Teachers, Parents and Environments"

Speaker:

Lella Gandini

Reggio Children Liaison in the U.S. for Dissemination of the Reggio Emilia Approach, Northampton MA

During this seminar, we will analyze and discuss stories from Reggio Emilia and other contexts that document what is creative and unique for each child, and what is valuable for the learning of all children. Young children in small, responsive communities of infant-toddler centers can cooperate, negotiate conflicts, transform materials and spaces, construct and invent play, and experience learning with joy along with teachers, the network of parents and a supporting community. These elements of positive relationship and these learning traits are not specific or limited to the early years. They are essential abilities that are to be cultivated and are reflected in the educational choices for the Framework for a 21st Century Education.

Saturday, March 3, 2012

"Visible Learning, Visible Learners: The Power of Group Learning and Documentation in Classrooms and Communities"

Speaker:

Mara Krechevsky

Research Director, Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge MA

As we become more group-oriented in the workplace and schools, our knowledge of ourselves as individual learners and members of a community becomes more important. While globalization and the new economy of the 21st century demand the ability to learn and function as part of increasingly diverse groups, almost all assessment and most aspects of instruction in schools still focus on promoting individual performance and achievement. The work of the preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy has drawn international attention to children's capacities as individual and group learners. Documenting children's learning through notes, photographs and video challenges our assumptions about children's capabilities. This seminar explores the power of the group as a learning environment and documentation as a way to shape and make visible how and what we learn. Through examples of documentation of learning groups in a variety of classrooms, we will address questions such as: "When does a group become a learning group?" and "How do observing and documenting learning change the nature of that learning?"

Saturday, April 21, 2012

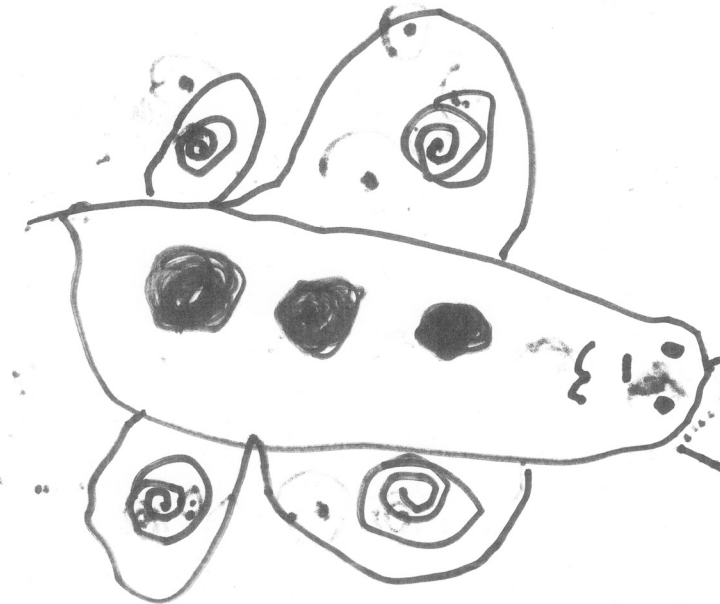
"Giving Visibility to Learning and Relationships in Educational Communities"

Speaker:

Margie Cooper

President, Inspired Practices in Early Education, Inc., Roswell GA

The Reggio Emilia approach to early education and life offers invaluable perspective and insight regarding responsibilities of contemporary education. If collaboration, negotiation, exchange and ongoing research afford richer contexts for learning, how do schools, programs and educators shift from individualistic-based approaches? This seminar will share examples from Project Infinity, a ten year collaboration involving seven schools that has been supported by Amelia Gambetti, Reggio Children Liaison for Consultancy in Schools. The example of Reggio Emilia has shown substantive collaboration between schools is essential for advancing quality in education. Educating is a public act whereby good ideas, multiple perspectives and shared responsibility must move unencumbered between contexts. Both an overview of our journey and stories of children's and adults' learning will be shared.



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REGISTRATION FORM

COST: **\$75 U.S./seminar**
\$200 U.S./all 3 seminars

NAREA members/students: **\$60 U.S./seminar**
\$150 U.S./all 3 seminars

Registrations must be received one week prior to seminar.

- No refunds
- .5 SB-CEUs/seminar (apply & pay \$10 fee at each seminar)
- Wayne State University credit available (1 credit/seminar)

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