Language Education Symposium

The Symposium intends to bring together theory and practice in language teaching. Researchers will share their findings on important questions in the teaching of second language learners in a variety of educational contexts, including foreign language, bilingual, English as a Second Language (ESL) and mainstream classrooms. Professor Byram will explore how languages and cultures can be taught to help students become intercultural citizens. Professor Gutiérrez will discuss polylingual and polycultural solutions to learning. Symposium participants will have the opportunity to gather in break-out sessions to brainstorm applications for the information shared in the two presentations.

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“Culture and Intercultural Competence in Language Education”

Language Education Symposium

University of Connecticut
April 20, 2012

Student Union Ballroom
9am to 4pm
Dr. Mike Byram  
Professor Emeritus at Durham University, UK

Professor Mike Byram, Emeritus Professor in the School of Education at Durham University (UK), began his career teaching French and German at the secondary school level as well as adult education in an English comprehensive community school. After being appointed to a post in teacher education at the University of Durham in 1980, he carried out research into the education of linguistic minorities, foreign language education and student residence abroad.

He has published many books and articles including, most recently, *Teaching and Assessing Intercultural Communicative Competence; Language Teachers, Politics and Cultures* (with Karen Risager); and *From Foreign Language Education to Education for Intercultural Citizenship*.

Agenda

8:00-9:00: Breakfast
9:00-9:30: Welcome and Introductory remarks
9:30-10:30: Presentation 1
10:30-11:30: Presentation 2
11:30-12:00: Q & A with audience
12:00-1:00: Lunch
1:00-2:00: Breakout sessions
2:00-3:00: Report from breakout sessions and final discussion

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Keynote Speakers

Dr. Kris D. Gutiérrez  
Professor at University of Colorado at Boulder

Professor Kris D. Gutiérrez is Professor of Literacy and Learning Sciences and holds the Inaugural Provost’s Chair at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is also a Fellow at the National Conference on Research on Language and Literacy, and the National Education Policy Center. Her research examines learning in designed learning environments, with particular attention to students from non-dominant communities and English Learners. Her work on Third Spaces examines the affordances of syncretic approaches to literacy learning and re-mediation of functional systems of learning. Professor Gutiérrez's research has been published widely in premier academic journals and she is a co-editor of Learning and Expanding with Activity Theory. Additionally, Professor Gutiérrez has written a column for the Los Angeles Times’ Reading Page.