

MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Theme: "On Behalf of Gifted Kids..."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Terrence Murphy and Opus Halls, University of St. Thomas - Minneapolis Campus

Host and co-sponsor: University of St. Thomas School of Education, Graduate Program for Gifted Studies

2013 Keynote Speaker – Ann Robinson



Dr. Ann Robinson is Professor of Education and founding Director of the Center for Gifted Education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is a former editor of the *Gifted Child Quarterly*, serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Gifted Children as the Past President and received the Early Leader, the Early Scholar, and the Distinguished Service Awards from the Association. In 2004, she and co-author Sidney Moon received the *Gifted Child Quarterly* Paper Year Award for a qualitative study, "The National Study of State and Local Advocacy in Gifted Education." She was a charter board member of the Special Interest Group on Giftedness and Talent of the American Educational Research Association. In 2000, Ann was recognized as the Purdue University Alumna of Distinction for the College of Education. Her own institution honored her with the University Award of Faculty Excellence in Research in 1999 and the University of Award for Public Service in 2001. Ann is the Past President of the Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education, the Past President of the Arkansas Association of Gifted Education Administrators, and is active in advocacy at the state and national levels. She has held visiting appointments at Cambridge University, at Brunel University near London at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia and at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

In 2006, her text, *Best Practices in Gifted Education: An Evidence-based Guide* was published with co-authors Bruce Shore and Donna Enersen. As a service publication of the National Association for Gifted Children, the guide summarizes 29 practices with research support for use with high ability learners. Over half of them are instructional and curricular practices and include content specific pedagogy in reading, language arts, history, inquiry-based science, mathematics, the arts, and career education.

Ann is an enthusiastic reader of biographies, recommends them as a strategy for differentiating the curriculum for high ability learners, and has designed a series of instructional guides, *Blueprints for Biography's* for classroom teachers keyed to trade book biographies. The guides focus on instructional strategies in reading, language arts, and social studies to promote higher level thinking, talent development, and interest-based investigations.

Classes for Students in Grades K-7

whose parents are attending the conference

Lunch and Snacks included

More Information

Calls for Presenters and Teachers, Conference Costs, Kids' Classes, Adult Session Information and Registration forms will be available on the Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented website, www.mcgt.net, as the details are finalized.

The Day's Schedule

8:30 - 9:00	Check-in and pick up program
9:00 - 12:00	Children's morning session
9:00 - 10:30	Welcome, MCGT Friend of the Gifted Award, Keynote Address
10:45 - 11:45	Adult Breakout Session I
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch for adults and students
1:00 - 4:00	Children's afternoon session
1:00 - 1:20	MCGT Annual Meeting
1:30 - 2:30	Adult Breakout Session II
2:45 - 3:45	Adult Breakout Session III
4:10 - 4:30	Book Swap session for students
All day	Vendors & information