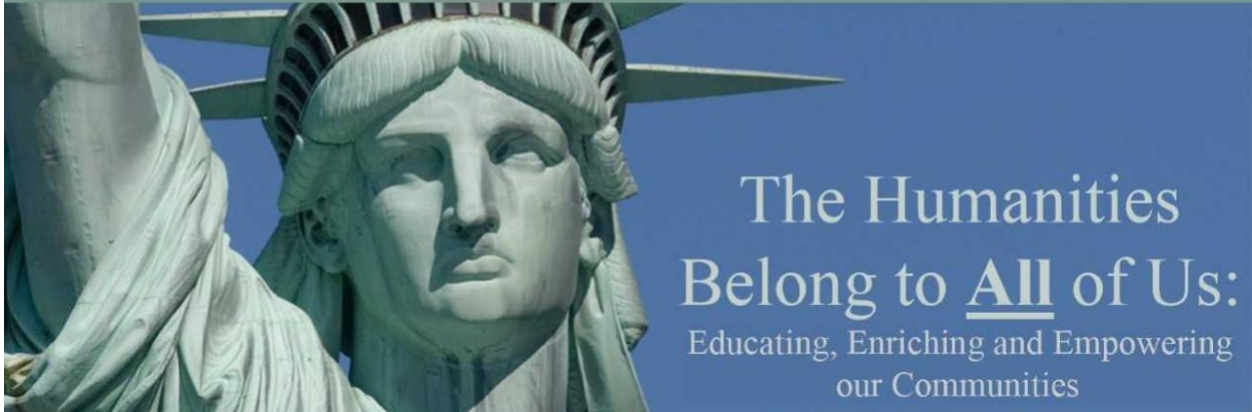


Friday, November 9, 2018

Collin College Frisco Campus Conference Center

Community College Humanities Association Southwestern Division Conference



**North Texas Community College Consortium
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**Collin College Preston Ridge Campus/ Frisco Campus Conference Center
9700 Wade Boulevard, Frisco, TX 75035**

Sponsored by Collin College and North Central Texas College

Keynote Speakers

Dornith Doherty

A 2012 Guggenheim Foundation Fellow, Dornith Doherty was born in Houston, Texas and received a B.A. cum laude from Rice University and an MFA in Photography from Yale University. She currently resides in Southlake and is Distinguished Research Professor at the University of North Texas, where she has been on the photography faculty since 1996. In addition to the Guggenheim Fellowship, she has also received grants from the Fulbright Foundation, the Japan Foundation, the Indiana Arts Commission, the United States Department of the Interior, the University of North Texas, and the Houston Center for Photography.

Spurred by the completion of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, Dornith Doherty began the photographic project *Archiving Eden* in 2008 as a way to explore the role of seed banks and their preservation efforts in the face of climate change and the extinction of natural species. She found the simultaneously optimistic and pessimistic nature of the Svalbard Vault compelling: individuals and governments from around the world collaborating to create the first truly global botanical back-up system, but also, the gravity of climate change and political instability created the need for an inaccessible “Doomsday Vault” near the North Pole.

As *Archiving Eden* developed, collaboration became an important facet of the project. She worked closely with biologists at twenty seed banks scattered across four continents to gain special access and understanding of the collections, and through this critical research, Doherty developed a dual approach. Documentary photographs in the series record the spaces and technological interventions required to store seeds and clones in a state of suspended animation. Accompanying digital collages, made using on-site x-ray equipment, offer a more intimate exploration of individual seeds and plant samples stored in these crucial collections. These magnified images illuminate the complex philosophical, anthropological, and ecological issues surrounding the role of science and human agency in relation to gene banking. They also generate questions about life and time on a macro and micro scale. Ultimately, exhibitions of the project and the accompanying book give viewers the opportunity to revel in the complex beauty of the plant life we depend upon.

Dennis Kratz

Dennis M. Kratz is Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities and Ignacy and Celina Rockover Professor of Humanities at the University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to his appointment in 1997 as Dean of A&H, he served as the University's Dean of Undergraduate Education. As a dean, scholar and teacher, Kratz emphasizes "meaningful transformation."

His research emphasizes the continuation and transformation of the western "heroic" tradition from classical antiquity through medieval and modern literature. He studies the ways in which artists seek both to maintain the essential qualities of that inheritance and to make it a vehicle for the expression of values more appropriate and meaningful for a contemporary audience. He has published four books: *Mocking Epic: Waltharius, Alexandreis and the Problem of Christian Heroism* (1980); *Waltharius and Ruodlieb* (1984); *The Romances of Alexander* (1991); and, with Dr. Abby Robinson Kratz, *Effective Listening Skills* (1994). He has also published numerous articles and reviews on subjects ranging from epic poetry and the changing nature of heroism to translation, translation theory, and Fantasy and Science Fiction. A translator of classical and medieval literature, Dr. Kratz was co-editor of the journal *Translation Review* from 1980-2017 and has served as President of the American Literary Translators Association.

As Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at UTD, Dr. Kratz has sought to maintain the abiding value of the Liberal Arts tradition while transforming it to meet the educational needs of the twenty-first century. He has led the development of new degree programs (among them a program in Arts and Technology that has since become a separate School within the university); new research centers such as the Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology; and the first Confucius Institute in Texas. As Dean of Undergraduate Education, he led a team of faculty, students and administrators to create Collegium V, the first University Honors Program.

Dr. Kratz has received numerous honors including the University of Texas System Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award; the "Person of the Year" Award from the DFW Asian American Citizens Council; a medal from the Chinese Ministry of Education recognizing his contributions to the Confucius Institute; and fellowships from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Dumbarton Oaks and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (Germany).

Dr. Kratz received his BA, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from Dartmouth College (1963). He received the MA in Classical Philology (1964) and PhD in Medieval Latin (1970), both from Harvard University. Prior to joining the UT Dallas faculty, he taught at The Roxbury Latin School (Boston), Simmons College and The Ohio State University.

8:30 am Registration opens

Coffee and pastries

Plenary Session 1

10-11:30 Conference Section E

Presiding Linda Sears
President Southwestern Division, CCHA
Plano Campus, Collin College (TX)

Welcome
Wendy Gunderson, Dean of Academic Affairs,
Frisco Campus, Collin College (TX)

Introduction of speaker Dornith Doherty
Lupita Murillo Tinnen, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs,
Frisco Campus, Collin College (TX)

Dornith Doherty: “Archiving Eden: An 8-Year Art/Science Collaboration”

11:30-Noon Break

Luncheon and Plenary Session 2

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Conference Center Section E

Presiding | Jules Sears
Vice President Southwestern Division, CCHA
Plano Campus, Collin College (TX)

Introduction of speaker Dennis Kratz
Dallie Clark, Professor of Humanities
Plano Campus, Collin College (TX)

Dennis Kratz: “To Enlighten and Annoy: Practicing the Humanities”

1:30-1:45 Break

1:45-3:00 pm

Breakout Discussion Sessions

Breakout Session 1, “Preserving our Local Treasures: The Humanities and Conservation of Regional Art, History, Culture, Thought, and Traditional Ways.” Conference Room

Conference Section S

Facilitated by Dallie Clark, Professor of Humanities at Collin College, and Jenny McMillen Sweeney, Education Specialist at the National Archives at Fort Worth

Breakout Session 2, “The Humanities beyond the Academy: Fostering Relationships between College Scholars and Public Intellectuals, Artists and Advocates for the Humanities.”

Room J108

Facilitated by Linda Sears, Professor of Humanities at Collin College, and Pat Ledbetter, Professor of History and Humanities at North Central Texas College

Breakout Session 3, “Communication Breakdowns: Fact/Fiction/Fake News and the Need for Truth.”

Conference Section N

Facilitated by Jules Sears, Professor of English at Collin College, and Marta Moore, Professor of English and Humanities at Collin College

Breakout Session 4, “Why We Still Matter in a Tech-Saturated World: The Differences Humanities’ Courses and Degrees Make.”

Conference Section E

Facilitated by Rich DeRouen, Professor of Humanities at Collin College, and Jane England, Professor of History and Humanities at North Central Texas College

3:00-3:15 pm Break

3:15-4:15 pm

Southwestern Division Business Meeting

All are welcome to attend

Conference Section E

Special Thanks to Dr. Wendy Gunderson, Dean of Academic Affairs, Collin College; Dr. Donald Weasenforth, Vice-President and Provost of Frisco Campus, Collin College; Dr. Bruce King, Dean of Arts, Sciences, and elearning, North Texas Central College; and Dr. Christine Hubbard, President North Texas Community College Consortium.

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