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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6 - POSTER PRESENTATIONS & ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Special Collections Room, J.E. & L.E. Mabee Library

6:00 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.	Dean's Welcome
6:05 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.	Greetings from DSA
6:10 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	Opening Comments
6:20 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Poster Presentations
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Roundtable Sessions

THURSDAY, NOV. 7 - WORLD CAFÉ ON RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Special Collections Room, J.E. & L.E. Mabee Library

6:00 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.	Dean's Welcome
6:05 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.	Greetings from DSA
6:10 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	Opening Comments, Dr. Neeta Singh
6:20 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	World Café, Facilitator: Dr. Alfredo Ortiz Aragón

SATURDAY, NOV. 9 - PODIUM PRESENTATIONS & FEATURED GUESTS PANEL DISCUSSION

Rooms 2030, 2031, 2032, Student Engagement Center

9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.	Dean's Welcome and Refreshments
9:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Greetings from DSA
9:10 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	Opening Comments
9:20 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Presentation and Discussion: Sister Dot's Legacy in our Hands: Being Empowered and Empowering Others, Presenter: Dr. M. Alison Buck
10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Mini-Break
10:10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Concurrent Session 1: Research by Recent Dreeben School of Education Graduates, Featured Guest: Dr. Darlene Carbajal
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Shared Learning
11:00 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.	Concurrent Session 2: Student Podium Presentations, Presenters: Monica Hernandez, Christina Perez, Chao-Yi Wang, and Srikanth Vemula
11:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Shared Learning
11:45 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Break
12:05 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.	Panel: Empowerment and Sustainability, Presenters: Dr. Tere Dresner, Dr. Denise Krohn, and Dr. Elaine Talarski
12:55 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Wrap-up and Appreciation

Presenters and Sessions

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Students

Mona Alkathiri
Faisal Alqadiri
Ashley Click
Deborra Finlan
Rose Bashara Karam
Brittany Danielle Minor
Christina Perez
Monica E. Ruiz
Ziyad Sultan
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POSTER SESSION

Students

Mohammed Alaklabi
Terry X. Burden
Kimberly S. Cox
Monica Hernandez
Alyssa Kennedy
Ann Lee & Amy Migura
Darin Schwartz
Rey Lopez (UIW), Cindy Pena &
Jessica Quintero (Texas State Univ.)

Thursday, November 7, 2019

WORLD CAFÉ ON RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Opening Comments

Dr. Neeta Singh, Associate Professor of Nutrition

Facilitator

Dr. Alfredo Ortiz Aragón, Associate Professor of Graduate Studies

This World Café event is intended to highlight how we are using methodology, research and education to engage social justice issues. Simply speaking, we—doctoral students, professors, community actors and other researchers—need to learn more about the relevance of our educational and research practices to the real life social justice needs outside our University boundaries. To do so, we will be drawing on Sister Dot Ettling’s conceptual frameworks that connect the classroom to the community, and the community to the classroom, in collaborative efforts that address important social justice challenges.

“Drawing on seven integrated design principles, the World Café methodology is a simple, effective, and flexible format for hosting large group dialogue.” The evening will consist of multiple rounds of conversation at tables on all things related to education, research, and social justice. We will harvest out key ideas at the end of the evening.

Presenters and Sessions

Saturday, November 9, 2019

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sister Dot's Legacy in our Hands: Being Empowered and Empowering Others

Dr. M. Alison Buck

About the presenter: Dr. M. Alison Buck, Ph.D., is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Dreeben School of Education doctoral program. Previously at UIW, she has taught as an adjunct instructor, served on dissertation committees, and earned her Ph.D. in Education with a concentration in Organizational Leadership. Throughout her career, Dr. Buck has taught part time or full time at the undergraduate and graduate university levels in the areas of leadership, management, organization development, research, and adult learning. She is an active Women's Global Connection volunteer and previously served as associate director for WGC, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Dr. Buck also has extensive experience as a market research director and human resources development director. She has designed and implemented programs for leadership development and performance management.

PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

Students

Assessment of Middle School Girls' STEM Career Interests
Srikanth Vemula and Chaoyi Wang, UIW

Using the Process Empowerment Model of Sister Dot: A Photo Voice Project in Peru
Monica Hernandez, UIW

Social Change in the Healthcare Industry
Christina Perez, Texas State University

RESEARCH BY RECENT DREEBEN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GRADUATE

Featured Guest

Dr. Darlene Carbajal
Assistant Professor in Communication Arts

Thank You

Thank you for attending the Fall 2019 Graduate Research Symposium
and learning about our different research experiences.