



Imaginative Education in the College Classroom

Wednesday February 8, 12:00 to 2:00pm

Room 1228 Building B, Broadway



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Dr. Kieran Egan, educational theorist, and Dr. Gillian Judson, director of the Imaginative Education Research Group at Simon Fraser University will present an interactive session in which participants will be introduced to the theory and practice of Imaginative Education (IE). They will discuss new ideas related to an imagination-focused teaching, exploring how “cognitive tools” and “kinds of understanding” can routinely be used by instructors to engage their students’ imaginations and emotions in learning the content of the curriculum. Theoretical dimensions will be paired with practical examples to indicate what IE looks like in the college classroom. In small groups participants will explore the possibilities of this imagination-focused approach to teaching. (<http://www.ierg.net/>)

Praise for Kieran Egan:

"Kieran Egan is one of the most original "big picture" thinkers in education. I always read what he writes."
- Howard Gardner, Harvard University

"Egan's compelling and original approach to much-needed education reform is delivered through a very imaginative and engaging narrative." - John Willinsky, Stanford University.

"Lively and provocative... I am convinced that the imagination-based approach to education that is addressed in this collection could have a crucial and lasting impact on the way we learn."
- Max Wyman, cultural critic, policy advisor, and author

"As we have come to expect from Kieran Egan... He has a great gift for posing fundamental, yet non-obvious, questions in such a way that we find some of our most deeply held assumptions up for grabs."
- James Wertsch, Washington University.

"His prescribed transfusion of imagination into... classroom education comes practically packaged and lucidly labelled, with a nice balance between scholarly exposition and constructive suggestion – and lightened by flashes of wit." - Alan Klottrup, Journal of Curriculum Studies.

Dr. Egan's Recent Awards and Honours:

2001: Appointed to a Canada Research Chair in Education

2010: Utne Reader magazine listed Egan as one of the "25 Visionaries Who Are Changing Your World."

2011: Outstanding Book Award American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)

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