

THE ISU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Presents:

An Educator in Residence

"CLASSROOMS & THE COMMON GOOD:
NEEDED ENDINGS, NEW BEGINNINGS, CIRCLE MENDING"

Dr. Sharon L. Shields
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"Although the United States is getting wealthier, its children are remaining poor. Between 1969 and 1997 the number of poor children grew by 46% (more than 4 million). A great many (70%) of poor American children live in households where someone works. Demographics show that by 2030, non-white children will constitute the majority of American children. Their fate will help shape America's future as much as white children. Yet racism, hate crimes, police brutality, and backlash against equitable measures to help inner-city schools and minorities overcome past and present inequality are resurging across America (Edleman, 1999)."

"We are the professorate at institutions of higher education. How do these facts affect us in the classroom of the 21st Century?"

-Excerpts from "Classrooms and the Common Good in the New Millennium: Needed Endings, New Beginnings, Circle Mending," by Dr. Sharon L. Shields. Published in Quest, 52(3), 2000.

Dr. Shields will bring a two-part presentation series to the College of Education April 25-26, 2001. **During the day, on both April 25th and 26th, Dr. Shields will visit COE classes as requested to talk about "who gets in and who gets left out" of higher education, and what that means in terms of diversity, social justice, social participation and empowerment.** Dr. Shields will demonstrate and model in class activities and teacher education strategies that can be used to address these issues. One of Dr. Shields' particular areas of interest and expertise is service learning. Information on how to incorporate this important teaching and learning medium into the classroom experience may also be explored.

The evening of April 25th, Dr. Shields will present a lecture for Idaho State University students, faculty and staff, as well as local and regional community members on creating an educational awakening: "Themes schemes and dreams for the university in the new millennium." This presentation is open to all and admission is free. The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm and run approximately 1 hour. It will be held in the ISU College of Education Auditorium. A light reception is planned after the presentation, in the College of Education foyer/entry area. Dr. Shields will be available to answer questions and visit informally with attendees during the reception.

Dr. Sharon Shields - BIO INFO:

Dr. Shields is a Professor of the Practice of Human and Organizational Development, at the George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. She is also an Education Associate at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Health Promotion Center in Nashville, TN.

Her areas of specialization include: Health Service Delivery/Access to Diverse Populations, Service-Learning/Experiential Learning in Undergraduate Curriculum, Disease Risk Reduction and Health/Activity Issues for Girls and Women, Images of Girls and Women in the Media and Relationship of Lifelong Activity.

Dr. Shields received her PhD. From George Peabody College, Nashville, TN in Health and Physical Education in 1976. In addition to over a quarter century of university experience, Dr. Shields taught for three years at the middle school level in the area of physical education. Dr. Shields has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards. Among them, her most recent include the 2000 Delphine Hannah Lecturer Award from the National Association of Physical Education in Higher Education, the 1999 Pathfinder Award from the National Association of Girls and Women in Sports, and the 1998 Gordon-Enberg Lecturer Award - Washington State University.

She has published and presented, locally, regionally and nationally, repeatedly over the past 25+ years. Her most recent and notable publication relative to her Idaho State University education in-service experience is an article titled: "Classrooms and the Common Good in the New Millennium: Needed Endings, New Beginnings, Circle Mending."

COE FACULTY CLASSROOM VISIT REQUEST FORM

- To Request a classroom visit, complete the information below and send to Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, SSPED Campus Box 8105, I SU
- The request deadline is Wednesday April 18th
- Requests will be met on a first come first serve basis.
- 3 requests/day, Wednesday 4/25 and Thursday 4/26 will be accommodated

Faculty Requesting: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Class Name: _____

Day/Time: _____

Class Bldg/Room: _____

Please attach your course syllabus and any other information that would be of value to Dr. Shields in preparing for your class visit.

- Request accommodation will be confirmed via email as they are received.